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Sikh rampage More than a hundred people were injured when Sikhs armed with swords and spears broke through barbed wire...

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Offer to Habre The Libyan-backed rebels in northern Chad called for a "sincere and definite reconciliation" of all Chadians...

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Abortion vote Dr Garrett Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister, is to urge the electorate to vote against the banning of abortion...

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US Marines killed in worst Beirut fighting for a year

American Marines yesterday responded with rocket attacks from helicopter gunships and artillery salvos after two of their number were killed by heavy shelling in Beirut's worst violence for a year.

Seven other US Marines and an Italian soldier, serving with the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon, were wounded on the second day of street battles...

The order came after several rockets and rocket-propelled grenades were fired at the airport from positions held by Shia Muslims of the Amal (Hope) militia in the Haya Selum neighbourhood.

Less than four hours later, two mortars struck the airport runway where the Marine "Alpha Company" is stationed.

Colonel Timothy Geraghty, the commander of the US Marine force, immediately ordered American helicopter gunships and artillery to respond to the shelling.

Beirut radio claimed the Marines had fired at Druze positions in Khalde and Shweifat, both in Israeli areas of control.

Another photograph 5 Strife before storm

The 97-man contingent of the Queen's Dragoon Guards is stationed. By nightfall, Amal militiamen were in control of several residential neighbourhoods...

According to officials, who did not wish to be identified by name or nationality, an estimated 13,000 Lebanese troops took part in yesterday's fighting. The casualty toll over the two days' war is believed to be 21 dead and more than 100 wounded.

Although it is not clear just how the fighting erupted on Sunday, there is little doubt that the flare-up in Shia districts came as a result of months of bottled-up discontent.

Ever since the Lebanese Army moved in to take control of the so-called greater Beirut area, Shia Muslims have complained of harassment by Christian right-wing Phalangist forces.



First to die: One of the two US Marines killed in Beirut yesterday being taken to a helicopter for transport to an American hospital ship.

Hijackers identified as Iraqis

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Mr Spring, who works for the 3M company, which sponsored him on his journey, took only 16 days on the outward voyage to the Azores where he spent several weeks recovering and re-supplying his boat.

Mr Spring said yesterday that one of his constant worries had been pressure sores on his body caused by sitting for too long in one position.

Though he had often been depressed and wondered why he bothered to do it, there were good moments too. He was frequently accompanied by whales and dolphins, which raised his spirits.

British oil will last at least 10 years

New fields will be smaller hope for a revival of a "high level of activity in the UK Continental shelf for many years", Mr Gregory said.

There were at least 15 areas of expertise in which British technologists were among world leaders, British companies had 70 per cent of the equipment and supply orders for North Sea, drilling, bringing work for 100,000 people.

More oil gathering in and around Britain would allow further development of British skills.

Britain was producing more oil than any country except Saudi Arabia, Mr Ian said. British production had risen from 1.6 million tonnes in 1975 to more than 100 million tonnes last year.

Revised forecasts of world energy demand in the early part of the next century were given by Dr Sven Hultin, chairman of the International Executive Committee of the World Energy Conference.

In the year 2000 it is expected to be the equivalent of no more than 12 billion tonnes of oil, compared with earlier predictions of up to 14 billion tonnes.

At one stage large waves had washed over the boat, soaking his only dry clothing and putting some of his advanced electronic equipment temporarily out of order.

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"I was worried that people were going to criticize me and say I was a bit mad and foolhardy, so I knew I had to do it properly."

Begin keeps supporters in suspense over resignation

Israel was kept in a state of acute political suspense yesterday as Mr Menachem Begin maintained a deliberate silence after announcing a delay for a maximum of 24 hours in making his decision to resign as Prime Minister.

By last night, as hundreds of demonstrators arrived at his home from all parts of the country in buses chartered by a new pressure group called "Israelis for Begin", no irrevocable move had been made.

Although the 70-year-old leader came under heavy religious, moral, political and popular pressure to reverse his decision to stand down, most of those who had seen him appeared convinced that he was still determined to retire.

Any such move by a Prime Minister who has dominated his government for much of the past 21 years is certain to have international repercussions. But the initial assessment of diplomats was that Mr Begin's departure would have little immediate effect on Israel's Middle East policy.

The first sign that the Prime Minister might be wavering came after three hours of often emotional talks with leaders of the parties making up the right-wing Likud coalition, which has ruled since 1977.

According to one participant, Mr Begin then returned home to weigh up the "national and political argument" put in favour of his staying, against his strong but so far unexplained personal reasons for leaving.

The type of intense pressure being exerted on Mr Begin was later outlined by Rabbi Menachem Porush, one of the members of the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel Party, whose support is important for any leader hoping to form an Israeli government.

"There is a saying in Hebrew that if the public says something, then it is a saying of God," he said. "And what we have told Mr Begin is that he is the only Israeli with this kind of popularity among the public. We said he cannot really refuse the wish of the public that he should not resign."

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2,500-mile lone voyage Disabled yachtsman triumphs

Mike Spring, the disabled yachtsman paralyzed from the waist down, received a champagne welcome yesterday when he reached Cornwall after an arduous single-handed voyage to the Azores and back - much of it in a terrible pain.

Mr Spring, aged 39, a computer programmer from Solihull, completed the 2,500 mile round trip at Penzance, 27 days after leaving Ponta Delgada in the Azores in his 30-foot yacht.

He climbed ashore from the 3M Mariner unaided but for his crutches and heavy calipers.

Mr Spring, who broke his back in a road accident in 1969, was cheered as he walked unaided up a ramp but remained modest about his achievement, which began early in June when he set out to prove that his severe disability was no deterrent to such a challenge.

Looking ruddy-faced and happy, he announced himself tired but feeling fine. There was one disappointment. His voyage was intended to raise £20,000 for the Pain Relief Foundation...

When you visit a Thistle Hotel, the plush furnishing doesn't finish at the lift. Unlike Ena's Lodging House and other similar, less prestigious establishments we could name.

Gloomier view of recovery by CBI

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent Britain's economy is likely to grow by less than 2 per cent in the coming year although manufacturers are increasingly optimistic about their business prospects...

CBI economists, who predicted in March that the gross domestic product would rise by 2.5 per cent next year, now believe the recovery will be slower than expected particularly because of the continued strength of the pound and its impact on exports.

They also believe that gdp will be affected by lower pay settlements - ironically one of the trends applauded by the CBI leadership - and the subsequent impact on consumer spending.

The downward revision of output expectations is not reflected in the CBI's view of manufacturing in which it expects output to rise by 3 per cent this year and 3.5 per cent next year.

Total exports of goods and services are forecast to rise by 1.5 per cent this year, compared with last year and by a further 4 per cent next year.

As a result, the CBI's cut in its gdp forecast is unlikely to cause much of a stir among ministers particularly as it is coupled with the results of the latest monthly industrial trends inquiry, which shows that for the seventh successive month companies' expectations point to rising output.

About 30 per cent of the 1,563 manufacturers in the survey expect their volume of production to increase in the next four months, although the expected increase is from a low base, and 60 per cent expect output to remain the same.

Total order books are still showing signs of improving, although 40 per cent of manufacturers say they are below normal. Demand is strongest for consumer goods where 75 per cent of companies say orders are at or above normal...

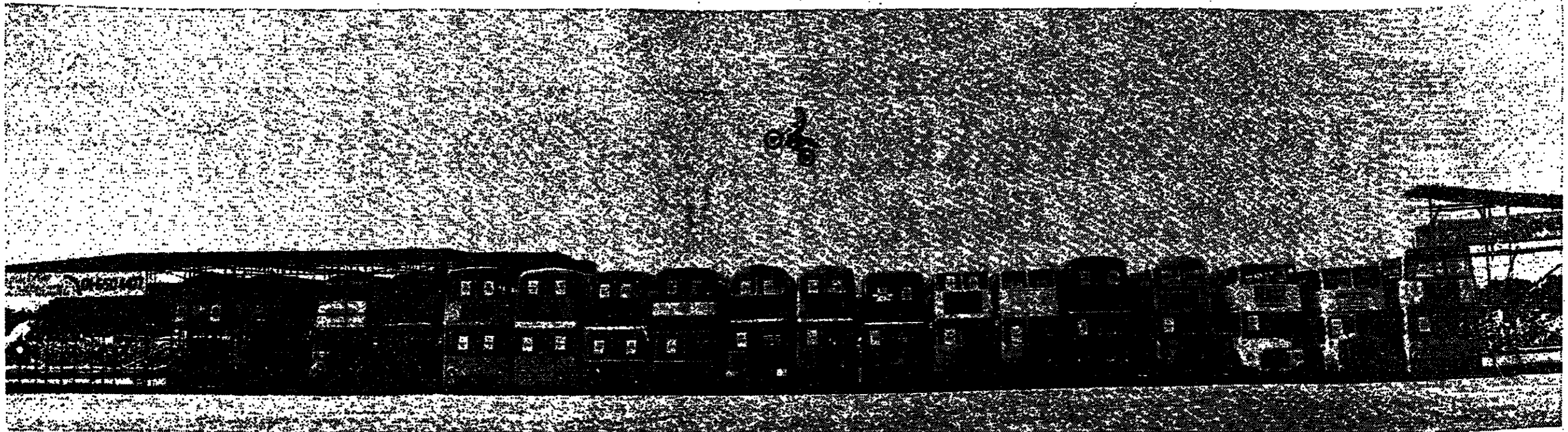
In August, exports are weakening slightly compared with the May and June surveys, only 11 per cent of exporters report above normal orders.

Sir James Cleminson, the CBI deputy president, said: "Although the increase in output is from a low base and is by no means dramatic, manufacturing is moving in the right direction."

The fall-off in exports was disappointing, he said, and was a clear indication of the need for British industry to be as competitive as possible in overseas markets.

The CBI economists see no end in sight to Britain's consumer boom, despite a fall in retail sales volume last month. The drop probably reflected the hot weather and the impact of the mortgage rate rise on incomes, they say, with fewer summer sales in the shops because of the high level of consumer spending.

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Riding on air: Chris Bromham, aged 26, set two new world motor cycle long jump records after leaping 196ft 2ins at 125mph on his 495cc KTM over 18 buses at Bromley Common, south London, yesterday. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Communists urged to support Labour left

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Communist Party leaders have committed themselves to supporting a build-up of the Labour Party as a means to bring about a socialist Britain.

A communist executive resolution, to be debated at the party's 38th congress in November, says: "The aim of the left must be to make it possible for Labour not only to re-emerge as a party supported by the working class, but to win new support especially amongst developing sections of the working class, amongst women and young people."

Attempts by the right-wing to use the general election result as an argument for moving Labour's policy and leadership to the right must be resisted and defeated.

The executive's analysis of the Labour election defeat and the "next step for the left" reflect the views which have already emerged from Labour's own hard left.

It says: "The Labour left has correctly fought over a long period to win left policies and positions of leadership within the movement. But it has not conducted a big enough political and ideological battle for left policies among the masses of people, including millions of trade unionists."

It concludes: "A more outward-looking left which makes involve-

Youth pay of £37 is upset for Whitehall

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A deal to pay young people on the Youth Training Scheme substantially more than the £25 a week government allowance is close to being agreed with the British Airports Authority and could become a model for unions negotiating with public authorities.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, in June rejected a recommendation from the Manpower Services Commission that the allowance should be uprated to £26.45 in line with the rate on inflation. The authority's scheme involving up to £37 a week could prove an embarrassment in Whitehall.

The minister said he had come under pressure from employers not to increase the allowance because they had said they could not afford the increase and might

TUC calls for legal monitor for media

By Our Labour Correspondent

A communications council established by statute to hear and act on complaints about the media and a right of reply enshrined in law are recommended in a TUC report published today which aims strong criticism at newspapers and broadcasting organizations.

The report, produced by the TUC Media Working Group, says that a new monitoring system for the media must be established because the Press Council and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission are ineffective and the media showed no signs of exercising self-control.

Union leaders are also anxious to reject arguments that statutory involvement could lead to attempts to muzzle a free press and maintain that the TUC plan would increase the freedom of the media to comment authoritatively and responsibly.

Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union and leader of the TUC media working party, said last night: "The personal harassment of the Royal Family, the deceit and duplicity surrounding press conduct in the Sutcliffe case and the complete fabrication of an interview with the widow of a Falklands VC are just three recent examples of a disturbing downward trend towards the gutter."

He said that the existing complaints procedures appeared to have little long-term effect. "We do not wish to restrict the media in its legitimate tasks of informing the citizen and of entertaining, but its freedom to do these things must be balanced by

Police called in to man Ulster jails

From Richard Ford Belfast

Hundreds of Royal Ulster Constabulary officers were drafted into jails yesterday to guard some of Britain's most dangerous terrorists as prison officers staged an overtime ban described by the Government as "irresponsible".

Police leave throughout the province was cancelled for two days as a convoy of vehicles took officers into three prisons and a young offenders' centre early yesterday morning.

The Northern Ireland Office's contingency plan to deal with the action by 2,500 prison officers left the police and management to run the prisons and it is understood that outside caterers were brought in.

Only about 100 out of 1,400 officers who should have been on duty arrived for work and the police reported to the Maze, Magilligan and Crumlin Road prisons and the Hydebank young offenders' centre in Belfast.

It is understood that they were not needed at the women's prison in Armagh because enough warders arrived for duty.

Outside the Maze there was a small group of pickets from the Prison Officers' Association but it made no attempt to stop the police from entering.

Prison visits, including those from lawyers, were cancelled, no parcels were accepted at the prisons and it is understood that prisoners were kept in their cells because it was not possible to use the workshop.

Today there will be no parcels or personal visits at the Maze and Magilligan prisons but the Northern Ireland Office hopes that all



Mr Nicholas Scott: Prison officers 'irresponsible'.

professional visits can go ahead and that personal visits for those who already have special warrants will operate at Armagh and Hydebank.

The prison officers, who normally guard 2,500 inmates, are demanding payment for travelling to and from work on rostered overtime shifts. Like immigration officers and customs officials, prison officers do a certain amount of rostered overtime as part of their regular duties.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, accused the prison officers of acting "irresponsibly" and out of all touch and sympathy with the cause of the disagreement.

Instead of implementing their ban in the special circumstances of Northern Ireland they should have gone through the negotiating procedure of the Whitley Council,

'Selective' cut may be sought by SDP

By Our Political Correspondent

Social Democrats are being asked to campaign for selective cuts in local authority services and a purge of incompetent council officials in next year's local elections.

Mr John Cartwright, MP for Woolwich and the party spokesman on local government, says in a discussion paper for next month's party assembly that local SDP candidates should campaign on a strategy "which concentrates on preserving what is effective and cutting out what is no longer necessary."

"The traditional methods of cutting expenditure by annual reductions across all services usually damage them all", Mr Cartwright says. "What is needed is a completely new look at the objectives which services and administrative arrangements are trying to achieve."

The paper also takes a strong line on the calibre of town hall staff. It says: "Too often management in local government is weak and ineffective because local councillors and trade unions conspire to resist change."

"The bureaucracy may have

Party cash crisis may cut HQ jobs

By Our Labour Reporter

Labour Party officials are considering plans to reduce the size of headquarters staff because of a cash crisis looming next year which cannot be headed off by the traditional means of raising more money from the unions.

Staff cuts in addition to reductions through natural wastage already in operation may be forced on the party because it has been told by the unions that their political funds are empty after the general election campaign.

The party is thought to be able to contain this year's deficit to about the £300,000 level of last year but senior Labour officials see no prospect of an increase in affiliation fees from the unions for next year.

Mr James Mortimer, the party general secretary, raised the possibility of an increase in the unions' 50p a member affiliation fee at the meeting last month of Trades Union Congress in London. Mr Mortimer said that the party, which organizes union support for the party, but was left in no doubt that an increase was unacceptable.



Mr Payne: Outrotted on £25 deal.

have to pull out of the scheme. One of the employers' representatives on the Manpower Services Commission is Mr Norman Payne, the authority's chairman.

Along with other employer representatives who also opposed the increase he was outvoted on the commission when the allowance was discussed but it is understood he believes that if an organization can "top up" the Government allowance it should be allowed to do so but not under compulsion from the Government.

The authority's scheme will initially only cater for about 20 young people, but that figure could rise to between 50 and 60. It is understood the authority has offered union negotiators an allowance of £33 a week. Next month further talks will be held on another £4 a week in the form of a travel allowance.

Union negotiators are expected to argue in other areas that if a quasi-governmental body can increase the allowance employers should consider signing "top up" deals and so remove one of the main union criticisms of the scheme that it is being used to create a pool of cheap labour.

Whitehall brief

Order without armed force

By Peter Hennessy

The riots of 1981 reopened an old constitutional question: at what point and in what way should the Army be called in if the police are failing to cope?

Lord Scarman's report, *The Brixton Disorders of 10-12 April 1981*, showed just how frail was the thin blue line of policemen "over that terrible weekend" their lack of numbers and equipment, their lack of preparedness. "They stood between our society and a total collapse of law and order in the streets of an important part of the capital", he wrote.

Whitehall's rethink in the aftermath of Brixton, Tooting and Moss Side would, if reason was any guide, have involved joint police-army discussions about military aid to the civil power, as it is formally known. The Ministry of Defence and the Home Office are very sensitive on the point.

There is a secret interdepartmental committee of civil servants which meets on the problems of inner cities. But at the chiefs-of-staff and chief constable levels there is nothing comparable and no discussions on riot strategy have taken place.

It is possible, however, to piece together today's official view. In February 1980, General (now Field Marshal) Sir Edwin Bramall, then Chief of the General Staff, now Chief of the Defence Staff, delivered a virtually unnoticed lecture on the subject to the Royal Society of Arts entitled



Sir Edwin Bramall: worried by a 'grey area'.

"The place of the British Army in public order".

Sir Edwin is unwilling to be interviewed about it in the context of the 1981 disorders. But, on Sir Edwin's behalf, a defence ministry spokesman said: "He believes the principles remain unchanged... (the lecture) holds good now as much as it did then."

Sir Edwin's guiding principle is that it would be "totally inappropriate" to use the armed forces.

"In a main public order role unless direct action is occurring on such a scale that the police could not cope and our whole parliamentary system was threatened, or a minority, by violent means and armed force, was attempting to challenge the very authority of

government with a view to changing or overthrowing it".

Sir Edwin in 1981 was worried, prophetically, by a turned out by "grey area". A lack of police training and equipment in riots might leave them exhausted and vulnerable. He did not want the Army to be drawn in so he recommended that the police should train in "anti-riot drills" to acquire protective clothing, shields and visors.

But if the police wanted specialist assistance - night vision, helicopters, special lighting or bomb disposal - they will never have to turn in vain to us for help of this kind", Sir Edwin said.

Since 1981, that "grey area" has been filled by the police. They are much better placed now in terms of equipment, training, speed and flexibility of response which, senior officers reckon, is one reason why riots have not recurred. Significantly, the police did not even call in the Army to teach them riot drill based on its Northern Ireland experience.

At the highest levels in the police, it is now believed that the armed forces would be needed only if there was an "armed insurrection" in Brixton or a comparable area in other words, although no change has been made in *The Manual of Military Law* or the doctrine of military aid to the civil power, the threshold of intervention, beyond which the thin blue line would be reinforced by a khaki line, has been raised.

Report on Celtic head untrue

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The claim by a historian that the head of a Celtic saint was buried in the garden of a house in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, was not meant to be taken seriously, it was learnt by *The Times* last night.

The Roman Catholic authorities in Birmingham had wished to have the garden dug up to recover the missing head of St Penker, Dr Colin Richmond of Keele University said.

He added: "It has been taken a little beyond what I intended."

Dr Richmond was the author of an article in the *Downside Review* which claimed that St Penker's head had been stolen in 1868 from Friburg Cathedral in Switzerland and found its way into the possession of Señor Jorge Luis Borges, the Argentine writer.

Senior Borges visited Stoke-on-Trent in 1963, according to the article, to return the head to Penkthul, allegedly named after St Penker.

Dr Richmond said that he had told the representatives of the Archdiocese of Birmingham that it was "just a nice story". He was the author of a similar "conceit" in *Excavator* magazine in 1979 called, "The death of Henry James discovered Dada".

He claimed that he had submitted the Celtic head article to Father Daniel Rees, editor of the *Downside Review*, with a covering letter explaining what it was, but the article was published as if it was a genuine piece of research. Father Rees, who was contacted by *The Times* last Saturday, said then that he thought it was genuine, although "the facts could bear more than one interpretation". A summary of the article was published in *The Times* yesterday.

Father Rees could not be contacted last night.

Police in picket line clash

Five hundred pickets followed an attempt by Highland Fabricators to restart production at their Strickbourn oil platform yard at Nigg on the Cromarty Firth yesterday.

There were scuffles between pickets and about sixty police as buses carrying workers who had accepted a management offer of a return to work tried to go in.

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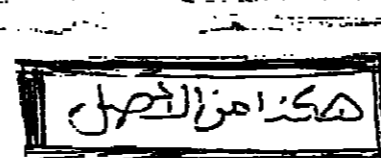
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Irish Prime Minister to speak out against abortion ban amendment

From Richard Ford Belfast

The Prime Minister of the Irish Republic will issue a statement next week opposing the constitutional amendment banning abortion. It will be the climax of an increasing divisive and political campaign.

Dr Garret Fitzgerald will outline his opposition to the Fianna Fail wording, which he believes is dangerous, and urge the electorate to vote "no" in the referendum on September 7.

His crucial statement, which is unlikely to be in the form of a nationwide broadcast will be made at the end of the week in which Mr Dick Spring, Leader of the Labour Party and deputy Prime Minister, is also expected to call for a "no" vote.

Four cabinet ministers have already expressed opposition to the amendment. Two more Fine Gael members have been publicly rebuked by the chairman of the parliamentary party for speaking out after a decision that only Dr Fitzgerald would outline the party's position.

The tone of the debate is becoming increasingly rancorous, with the Minister for Health and Social Welfare, Mr Barry Desmond, being criticized by the pro-life amendment campaigners for making a statement "unworthy of a member of the Government."

Mr Desmond said that the supporters of the amendment were "a very small group of extreme Catholics of extreme constitutional views."



Mr Desmond: Criticized by amendment supporters.

committed a solicitor over remarks made about her by Mrs Alice Glenn, a right-wing Fine Gael deputy who supports the amendment.

There are rifts in all three of the republic's main political parties, but it is Dr Fitzgerald's Fine Gael party which is parading them in public, with 14 deputies now prepared to vote "yes".

A former member of the party's national executive warned the Prime Minister that Fine Gael's association with the anti-amendment campaign might damage its credibility and might be disastrous at the next general election.

Dr Fitzgerald is in a dilemma as many of the new voters who increasingly support a basically conservative party have done so because of his liberal image. The

had hoped he would introduce social reforms.

The abortion issue has dismayed them, but if he attempts to reform family planning laws and facilitate divorce he risks splitting his party.

The Fianna Fail party has remained on the face of it solidly in support of the amendment, although some deputies who opposed Mr Charles Haughey during the several attempts against his leadership are thought to be opposed to the wording.

However, a grassroots "Fianna Fail against the amendment" has emerged to lobby party deputies and senators. Mr Alan Graham, a Dublin solicitor, who is one of its organizers, said that up to 20 members of the parliamentary party were likely to vote "no" but it was unlikely they would say so in public.

With most people believing the referendum will be carried, attention is now focused on the turnout and regional variations. It is thought there will be a high turnout and "yes" vote in the rural west, but in the rapidly growing and urbanized Dublin area and surrounding midlands there will be a larger "no" vote, with perhaps a low turnout.

If the amendment is passed, its opponents expect there will be moves made to have the courts declare intra-uterine contraceptive devices and the morning after Pill as abortifacients and therefore illegal.

The Supreme Court will then have to decide at what point life begins.

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Tube driver mastermind comes out on top again

Christopher Hughes (above) the London Underground driver who won the BBC Mastermind trophy in May, was out yesterday with the Great Western Railway preservation society and so not available to comment on winning the four-nation Mastermind contest shown on television last night (Kenneth Gosling writes).

The programme, recorded some days ago, featured contestants from Ireland, Australia and New Zealand as well as Mr Hughes as the

United Kingdom representative. His knowledge of the history of British steam locomotives again stood him in good stead, with 18 points and no passes. Mr John Egan, of Ireland, however, scored 19, with no passes and no wrong answers, answering questions on the life and music of Bob Dylan.

But it was Mr Hughes's command of general knowledge in the second round that pushed him ahead to win the contest

Government rejects request to fund ecology congress

The Government is under increasing pressure to help finance a conservation conference in Scotland which the Prime Minister's friend, Sir Laurens van der Post, has played a large part in organizing.

Sir Laurens said yesterday that he accepted the Government's decision not to support the Third World Wilderness Congress financially because the request for money had been "sprung on them".

But he added: "I do not see how any British government can fail to respond, knowing young people's anxiety about what is being done to the Earth. If they do not do something, there will not be any Earth for the politicians to quarrel about."

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, has written to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, demanding "a token £10,000" to help put on the conference, which starts in Inverness on October 8. He made a similar request to Mr Jenkin's predecessor, Mr Michael Heseltine, but was told that the Government could not budget.

The conference, which is costing £60,000, is taking place in Scotland after being held successfully in South Africa in 1977 and Australia in 1980. On both occasions the grant from the

respective governments amounted to £60,000.

Sir Laurens, who will attend the conference with senior ministers from the United States, Canada and the EEC, as well as leading figures in the world of conservation and the arts, said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had "responded immediately to the congress and said that she would see someone was responsible for attending the conference".

Pressed on whether he had expected the Government to help to finance the conference, he said: "I do not think one really wants to take issue with the Government on a point like this. The whole concept of wilderness conservation is new in the United Kingdom."

Mr Dalyell said: "They are not prepared to do this because of the whole public expenditure atmosphere. It is very sad that they cannot even find a token sum for what is a very important conference."

Mr Vance Martin, executive officer organizing the conference, said that the original budget had been £30,000, but this had been cut down to £60,000. The Highlands and Islands Development Board had contributed £10,000, the EEC £3,000 and Gulf Oil £5,000, he said, but he was still trying to cut down on bills.

LT may join minibus battle

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Two rival minibus services could be operating in competition with the familiar red buses in central London by the end of this year.

If the Government allows the appeal by the private enterprise "pirate" operator, Associated Minibus Operators (Amos), London Transport may run a similar service. I understand that would involve 16 seaters operation every two or three minutes. Like taxis, they would be on call to passengers.

If that happens, bus travel from the suburbs and through the centre should be speeded up and be much more frequent than

Londoners have been accustomed to in recent years.

For the first time since the "pirate operators" of the 1920s, who raced each other and fought for street space in a cut-throat market that was stopped by legislation 30 years ago, the travelling public would find itself actively courted by rivals competing for their favours.

Such a scene would be much in line with the Thatcher government's thinking, but there are strong fears that letting competitors loose on London's crowded streets could result in lower safety standards, more congestion

and severe losses to London Transport and the taxi operators.

Those fears account for the cautious line taken by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Transport, who has set up a second public inquiry to hear the Amos appeal after an earlier one conducted by a London Transport inspector in March, rather than simply allow it himself.

The inspector had recommended that the Amos service, using 500 minibuses on four routes criss-crossing central London from the suburbs, should be refused, and criticized Amos for poor forecasting and an ill-prepared case.

Alternative claimed to straw burning

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The assertion by the National Farmers' Union (NFU) that there is no practical alternative to straw burning has been challenged by a Nottinghamshire engineering firm, which claims that its new "densifying" system will make the practice a thing of the past.

Mr Errol Mason, managing director of Bootham North Engineering, of Worksop, says the densifier will process up to 10 tonnes of straw an hour, turning it into compact combustible cubes for use as fuel. It will do the same with other waste materials, including sawdust, shavings, cardboard, coal dust and textiles.

He estimates that over seven years the cost of processing would be between £7 and £14 a tonne. Farmers unable to afford machines of their own could form a consortium with their neighbours to produce fuel either for their own heating needs, or to be sold as a cheap alternative to coal.

Because of public protests at the waste and environmental hazards associated with burning fields of straw and stubble after the harvest, there is now a real likelihood that the Government will be forced to impose further restrictions, if not an outright ban.

That has encouraged companies like Bootham to come forward with alternatives, and the NFU has repeatedly said that it welcomes ideas.

But last week Mr Christopher Righton, the NFU deputy president, said that while no one was happy to see between five and six million tonnes of a potentially useful commodity going up in smoke each year, the "plain truth" was that there was at present no practical alternative.

The demand for straw for industrial purposes had not yet made an impact on the very considerable surplus, he said.

Royalty 'just ordinary'

The Prince of Wales's former valet, Mr Stephen Barry, says in an interview published today that the Royal Family are "very ordinary" people in their private lives - "nothing like 'Dallas' or 'Dynasty'".

Mr Barry, who left the Royal Household after the Prince's marriage, sees the Royal Family as "wonderfully middle class except they wear crowns. The Queen is basically just a countrywoman, she enjoys country pursuits", he told *Woman's Own*.

What really separates the Royal Family from the rest of society, Mr Barry says, is that they have four palaces or private homes, 300 staff and a yacht, three helicopters and three aircraft at their disposal.

School reopens for inquiries

Croxkith Comprehensive School, which is to be run as an independent school for 12 months by a group of parents and teachers, will open today to answer inquiries from parents.

The Department of Education and Science has agreed to pay half the running costs, leaving Labour-controlled Liverpool City Council, which is to resume control of the school next year, to pay up to £200,000.

British win skill medals

Three British building apprentices flew back to London from Linz, Austria yesterday with gold medals from the international Skill Olympics, a craft competition.

Mr John Dutton from Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, won the bricklaying medal, Mr John Joy, from the village of Newgate Street, Hertfordshire, won the plastering and Mr Robert Morrison, from Bristol, took the gold for stonemasonry.

Woman leaves £1/2m for charity

Miss Margery Turner, aged 78, of Carsick Hill Crescent, Rampton, Sheffield, has left nearly £500,000 in her will to charity.

The money will be shared between the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, the Methodist Homes for the Aged and the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

Irish police find cannabis crop

Irish police yesterday confiscated almost 700 cannabis plants found growing on a mountainside near the town of Gort, Co Galway. The cannabis was well cultivated, a police spokesman said, and within two weeks of being ready for harvest, its potential market value was estimated at more than £160,000. No arrests have been made.

Weight problem

The police were called out yesterday while emergency repairs were carried out on a Chipperfield's Circus lorry, containing an elephant, two camels and four shire horses, which had broken down on the A46 near Bingham, Nottinghamshire.

Overtime ban

A meeting of more than 1,750 employees at John Brown Engineering at Clydebank, Strathclyde, voted yesterday to begin an immediate overtime ban to protest at 500 lay-offs announced last week.

Rural doctors 'ignorant of pesticide poison signs'

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Most rural doctors would not recognize the symptoms of poisoning by pesticides and other agricultural chemicals because they have not been alerted to them, a farmworkers' union official claims.

Writing in the latest issue of *Footloose*, an environmental and outdoor activities magazine published today, Mr Christopher Kaufman, who is responsible for public relations for the agricultural and allied workers' section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, accuses the Government of continuing to

allow many chemicals banned in other EEC countries and in the United States, to be sold to farmers and gardeners.

Mr Kaufman cites in particular the controversial diosin-based weedkiller 2,4,5-T on which the European Commission recommended a ban last year.

Although the immediate effects of exposure to spray drift, such as watering eyes, dizziness, headaches and nausea, are known, there may be serious long-term effects which do not show for many years, he says.

Reward of £80,000 in jewel hunt

By a Staff Reporter

An insurance company has offered an £80,000 reward for the recovery of £800,000 worth of jewelry stolen in what is believed to be one of the biggest raids on a private house.

The raid, early on Sunday, was at the country mansion owned by Mr Tej Hajjar at Rogate, Midhurst, Sussex. Mr Hajjar, a Jordanian, entertains relatives from the Jordanian royal family at the house, which is heavily guarded.

Sussex police yesterday issued a list of the 51 items stolen. Those include a £130,000 pearl necklace with a sapphire and diamond clasp in yellow gold, another pearl necklace worth £129,000, two South Sea pearl necklaces each worth £60,000, as well as a number of gold watches, sapphire bracelets, rings, pendants and brooches.

Also stolen was a finely carved old coral pendant piece showing the head of a Chinese sage with a gold back and gold and diamond set motifs worth £2,450.

Most of the gems were in personal jewel boxes or presentation boxes bearing the names of Carrars of Regent Street, London, or Ginza, Tokyo, Japan. The insurers have not been named.

The raid on the house, set in a 300-acre estate used as a stud farm, is surprising because of the extensive security precautions including cameras, six guard dogs and burglar alarms.

But the police said that the raid was not necessarily carried out by a professional burglar. Det Sgt Gordon Harrison said: "There is adequate security up to a point, but any security system can be breached."



Woman Police Constable Susan Mackey (above), wearing a dress similar to the one Mrs Diana Jones wore when she vanished from her home in Coggeshall, Essex, on July 23. Detectives spent more than a week trying to track down a suspect's dress and obtained one from a fashion firm in Middlesex. They hope it might jog the memory of witnesses who may have seen Mrs Jones, aged 35, before or after she disappeared.

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Kissinger's return to the fold provokes boycott of Reagan by the right

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan will be shunned by the powerful political right in a forthcoming publicity campaign about Central America. It is not that they disagree with his anti-communist rhetoric or the general thrust of his policies; they just cannot abide the fact that he has brought Dr Henry Kissinger into the fold.

There will be mass mailings, newspaper advertisements, speeches and television commercials urging an aggressive response to the spread of communism in Central America. A strong and sustained military presence in the region will be advocated.

Mr Reagan was to have been showered with praise during the campaign, but his name has been written out of the scripts since the appointment of Dr Kissinger as head of a presidential commission studying long-term policy options in the region.

Apart from upsetting the right, Mr Reagan's handling of the Central America question has galvanized the six contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination into a scramble for policy advisers to help them formulate an alternative approach. Central America will almost certainly be the main foreign policy issue of the 1984 presidential campaign.

It is only now that the contenders are becoming more forthright about a subject so unpredictable and fraught with political dangers. The clearest

statement by any of them was issued last week by Senator Alan Cranston (California) on his return from a tour of Latin America.

He expressed grave concern about the prospect of imminent war, in which the United States would become embroiled. The theme is likely to be taken up with increasing force by the other presidential hopefuls.

He said there had been direct contact with Mexico and Colombia with President Fidel Castro, and it appeared that the Cuban leader was "receptive" to the idea of joining peace talks under the aegis of the Contadora group - Panama, Venezuela, Mexico and Colombia.

"I have returned from Latin America firmly convinced by Contadora leaders that their efforts have been weakened by Ronald Reagan's strategy of tough talk and guns", he said. "Their efforts can succeed only if the US has the courage and maturity to stop backing dictators..."

The other would-be candidates have sounded less hostile to American policy. All oppose continued covert US aid to rebels in Nicaragua, but they support such fundamentals of the Reagan Administration's policies as military aid to El Salvador and economic assistance to the region.

Mr Cranston is urging withdrawal of military aid from El Salvador unless it holds elections and ends abuses of human rights.

Senator John Glenn (Ohio) has been sounding more and more like President Reagan. He said the threat to communist subversion could not be denied, but added that US military force should be used only as a last resort. "Never again should we send American troops to fight wars that we do not intend to win".

Senator Gary Hart (Colorado) who is planning a trip to Latin America soon, advocates the freezing of military aid and US troop levels in the region. In general, only he and Mr Cranston have so far offered any specific alternatives to President Reagan's policies.

In their search for advisers the Democratic contenders are interviewing hosts of academics and former government officers, some of whom helped frame the policies of the Carter Administration - policies that, in the view of the right, resulted in the fall of Nicaragua to the Sandinistas and the spread of Cuban interference in Central America.

The right fears that Dr Kissinger's commission will espouse similar policies of conciliation. One of the many right-wing groups, the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, said of the President's appointment of Dr Kissinger: "We were ready to make a massive commitment on (the Administration's behalf and they went and pulled one of the dumbest political moves of any Administration yet".



Basque floods bring disease risk

Devastation debris. A man and a child studying the scene of devastation in Llodio, northern Spain, yesterday.

At least 37 people have been killed and roads, railways, homes and factories have been wrecked in the flooding across Spain's Basque country over the weekend (Reuter reports).

Officials said yesterday that a shortage of drinking water and the risk of disease from refuse and dead animals were the most serious problems. Supplies of food and medicine are being rushed to the region.

Zia says opposition manipulated by 'foreign masters'

From Hassan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Zia ul-Haq has accused the leaders of the anti-martial law agitation in Pakistan of playing "to the tune of their foreign masters". This is the first time since the agitation began more than two weeks ago that Pakistan's military ruler has made allegations of foreign influence in the opposition movement. He did not give any details.

The Pakistan Government has already protested to the Indian Government over reported statements by Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, and her Foreign Minister, which have been described as interference in Pakistan's internal affairs.

Speaking to reporters here on Sunday shortly before leaving for a visit to Turkey, President Zia refused to hold talks with the opposition party heads leading the agitation. He described them as "riff-raff" but said that he had been holding conversations with responsible and patriotic leaders. He said that if the Movement for Restoration of Democracy, an alliance of eight opposition parties, was meant to seek restoration of democracy "then they got the wrong end of the

bloody stick. I shall tell them how to get the right end of the stick". General Zia was confident that the troubles in Sind were on the wane.

He remained confident that elections would be held by March, 1985 and indicated that he did not intend to advance the timetable for this.

ANKARA: President Zia, leaving behind deepening political turmoil, arrived here for a five-day official visit, returning the one paid to his country by President Kenan Evren two years ago (Reuter/Gardette writes).

Accompanied by his wife and a large delegation, including the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Justice, he began official talks soon after his arrival.

Besides a review of Pakistani-Turkish relations and co-operation, the talks include an exchange of views on international subjects. Political and diplomatic observers also expect the two heads of state to exchange views on the handling of the promised restoration of democracy in their countries after years of military rule.

Peace offer to Habré from rebels

Ndjamena (AP) - The Libyan-backed rebel regime in northern Chad yesterday called for a "sincere and definite reconciliation" of all Chadians, including President Hissène Habré.

The rebel radio in Bardai on the Libyan border, monitored here, broadcast a communiqué of the rebel regime yesterday led by former President Goukouni Oueddei. The communiqué was the rebels' first formal response to a policy statement issued last week by President Mitterrand, outlining the mission and objectives of the French task force in Chad.

The broadcast referred to "Comrade President Goukouni Oueddei" but gave no indication of his whereabouts. Mr Goukouni has not been seen in the rebel-held area for more than three weeks.

The communiqué said the rebels' "Chad Government of National Unity" denounced Mitterrand's proposal for a federation between the two hostile parts of the divided nation. But it added that it agreed to "the sincere and definite reconciliation - under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity - of all Chadians - even Hissène Habré, if he shows the necessary good will".

The broadcast left no doubt, however, that the rebels refused to recognize President Habré's "illegal, reactionary, pro-Western and pro-Zionist regime".

ADDIS ABABA: Mr Abdullahi al-Obeidi, the Libyan Foreign Minister, who arrived here on Sunday night, and Mr Goshu Wolde, his Ethiopian counterpart, began talks here yesterday in what was believed to be an integral part of consultations aimed at a negotiated settlement to the Chadian civil war (AFP reports).

Andropov's arms plan wins praise

Bonn (Reuter) - West European governments gave a guarded but positive reaction yesterday to the Soviet offer to scrap some SS20 missiles targeted on Western Europe.

West Germany said that President Andropov's proposal was a positive development and Signor Bettino Craxi the Italian Prime Minister, said that Mr Andropov had clarified the issue.

Herr Peter Brossmer, the Bonn chief government spokesman, said, however, that the proposal meant that Moscow was still blocking progress in US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva, because Mr Andropov had insisted on including French and British weapons in the talks.

Herr Brossmer told a press conference there were four positive points: the Andropov proposal represented a genuine reduction in Soviet missiles; the missiles would be destroyed and not just redeployed; this avoided an additional possible threat to East Asia; and the offer showed that the Soviet Union was minded to West European concerns.

In Rome, Signor Craxi told Mr Yuri Karlov, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, of "the interest of the Italian Government in the new proposal, which clarify part of the problems".

VIENNA: Soviet block newspapers yesterday praised Mr Andropov's proposal as a significant initiative for peace and security in Europe (Reuter reports).

The Bulgarian party newspaper Rabnichesko Delo quoted by the official BTA news agency called the proposal, "one more big step towards achieving a mutually acceptable agreement at the Geneva talks". Andropov cracks whip, page 6

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Bandaranaike ignored

From Dasavan Mahipich, Colombo

The Government yesterday denied planning to lift penalties imposed on the former Prime Minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and that the ruling United National Party would consult her Freedom Party on settling the Tamil problem.

The denial followed reports in an English-language newspaper yesterday that Mrs Bandaranaike's civic rights would be

restored if the proposed round-table talks between the main political parties opposed to the Liberation Front proved successful.

The speculation arose after the Indian special envoy, Mr Gopalaswami Parthasarathy, had talks at the weekend with leaders of the Tamil United Liberation Front and Mrs Bandaranaike.

Atom test inquiry in doubt

From Tony Dubois, Melbourne

Australia's acceptance of an invitation to send scientists to Murrumbidgee to study the effects of the French nuclear testing programme has been thrown into doubt after the first day of the 13-nation South Pacific Forum meeting in Canberra yesterday.

It is believed the forum, which reaches decisions by consensus and at which no votes are taken, failed to agree on the French proposal and the invitation will now go back to the Australian Cabinet for further consideration. Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, made it clear last month that Australia's acceptance of the French invitation was dependent on the forum endorsing the mission.

The nuclear issue dominated yesterday's session of the two-day forum meeting. Australia continued to urge the member-nations to adopt a proposal for a nuclear-free Pacific. Australia proposed that should the forum adopt the plan it should then go to the United Nations. This is seen by observers in Canberra as an effort to embarrass the French.

In a further move likely to worsen relations between Australia and France, Canberra also proposed that the plan should be put forward at the region's other political body, the South Pacific Conference, at which France is represented, unlike the forum.

While Australia dominated much of yesterday's proceedings, it did not itself escape criticism. It is understood that some attendees attacked Australia for arguing that the United States should be allowed transit rights in the region for nuclear-armed vessels.

Students in rally for ex-Regent

Johannesburg - Students mounted demonstrations in Mbabane, the Swaziland capital, for the second time in a week over the dismissal of Queen Elizabeth II as Regent. They scattered as police made a baton charge (Ray Kennedy writes).

Prince Bhelemphe, the Prime Minister, has announced that a general election for the 40-member Parliament will be held on October 29.

Fatal flight

Brisbane (Reuter, AFP) - A light aircraft chartered to an oil exploration company crashed in the Queensland bush, killing all 12 people on board.

Hanoi truce

Hongkong (Reuter) - Vietnam announced that it would unilaterally observe a ceasefire along its border with China. The Vietnam News Agency said Hanoi had not responded to a Vietnamese proposal made 10 days ago.

Cuba training

Abidjan (Reuter) - Ghana is sending 600 teenagers to Cuba for training to meet the country's skills manpower needs, Ghanaian news agencies reported. A group of 240 children aged from 13 to 16, left for Havana last Wednesday.

Storm passes

Mazamoras, Mexico (AP) - Hurricane Barry missed Texas coast as expected, which had been battered by Hurricane Alicia 10 days earlier, and hit El Mesquite and Santa Teresa across the border in Mexico.

Kohl hopes resignation crisis will not delay symbolic trip to Israel

From Michael Blayon, Bonn

Mr Menachem Begin's threatened resignation has thrown into confusion Dr Helmut Kohl's four-day visit to Israel. But the West German Chancellor seems determined not to let the crisis stop him going ahead with a visit seen here and in Jerusalem as being of considerable symbolic importance.

The Bonn Government's spokesman admitted yesterday that the Chancellor was unsure whether he could depart tomorrow as planned or whether the prospect of an impending election in Israel would force a postponement. Urgent consultations are now going on in Bonn and Jerusalem to see what politics and protocol should dictate.

Dr Kohl was due to hold talks with Mr Begin, but was not expecting any substantive political negotiations. He has stated firmly that the main aim of the trip, promised before his election victory in March, was to improve the atmosphere between the two countries, and reaffirm German commitment to Israel's prosperity and security.

Relations between the two countries have been strained since Mr Begin vehemently attacked Herr Helmut Schmidt two years ago, accusing him of being loyal to Hitler until the end, and of disregarding German guilt for the Holocaust.

That outburst, which led to an official protest from Bonn, followed the former Chancellor's backing for Palestinian self-determination. Herr Schmidt disapproved of Mr Begin's policies and did not visit Israel, so that it is now 10 years since a West German Chancellor, Herr Willy Brandt, went to Jerusalem.

Israel welcomed Dr Kohl's election as a chance to start a fresh chapter in relations and although Bonn, together with other EEC states, criticized the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last summer and has called for a troop withdrawal and an end to the occupation of the West Bank, Dr Kohl, is not expected to press these criticisms in public.

A more important disagreement is the proposed German sale of 200 Leopard 2 tanks to Saudi Arabia. Israel has lobbied hard against this, saying it was unacceptable that West Germany should arm Israel's enemies.

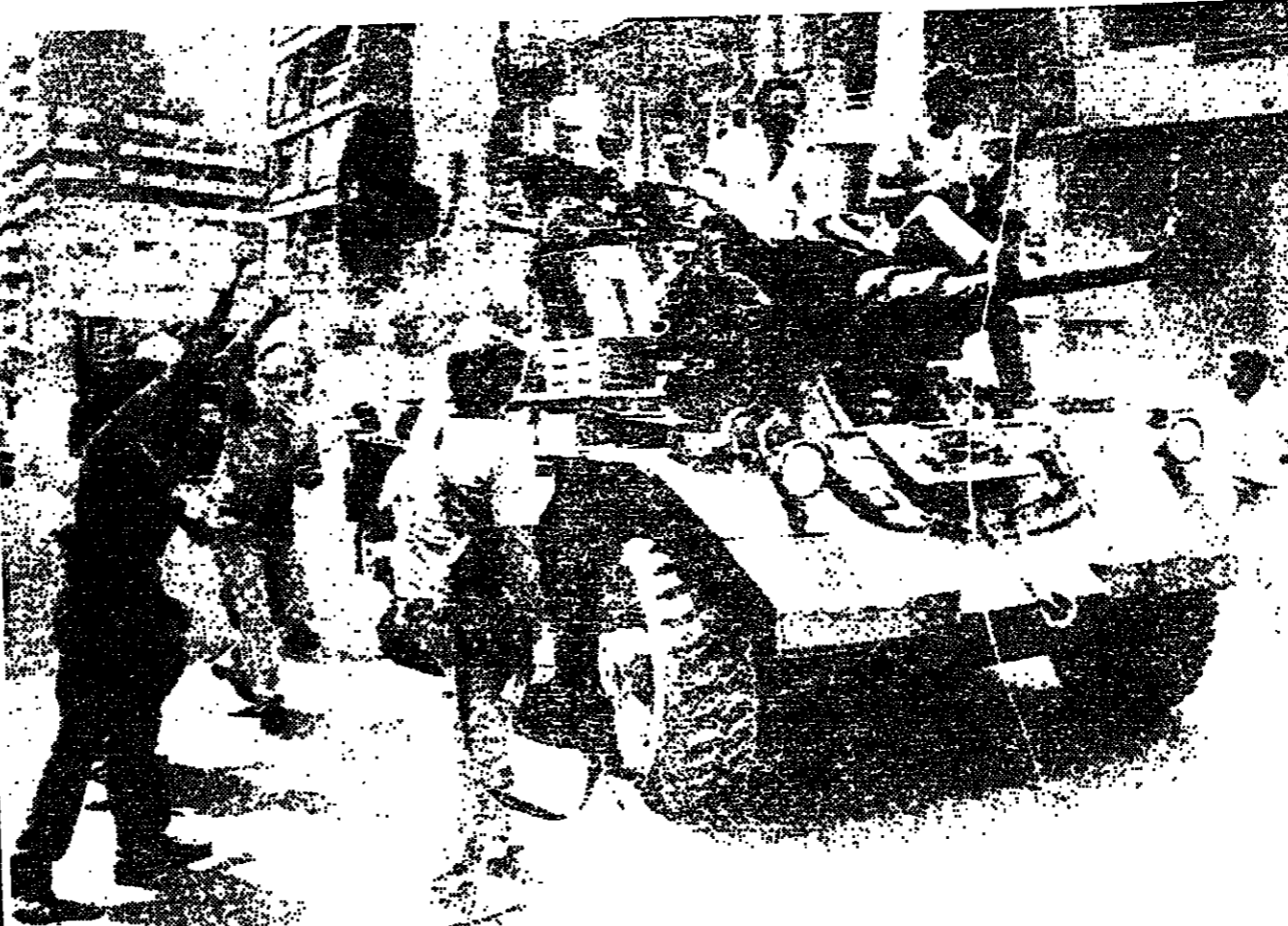
Although Dr Kohl initially favoured the sale, he has put off a final decision until his visit to Saudi Arabia in October.

However, unofficially it is now clear the deal will not go through, and that Dr Kohl, like Herr Schmidt, sees it as contradicting Bonn's embargo on arms to the principal Middle East antagonists.

The Chancellor, who makes much of the fact he was only two years old when Hitler came to power, has not flinched from denouncing Germany's Nazi past or admitting historic guilt for the Holocaust. One of his first acts on arrival will be to lay a wreath at the Yad Vashem memorial to Holocaust victims.

Israelis will study his speeches carefully, however, to ensure he does not seek to minimize German responsibility.

Last week Dr Kohl said his country had done what was "humanly possible" to expiate this guilt. Bonn wanted friendly relations with Israel, as with Arab countries, but would not say "yes and amen" to all Israeli policies, especially its settlements on the West Bank.



Spoils of war: Left-wing militiamen celebrating their capture of a Lebanese Army personnel carrier in Beirut yesterday after the worst violence for a year in the capital.

Ex-minister held in fraud case

Seoul (Reuters) - Sixteen people, including a former South Korean Cabinet Minister, eight government officials and four bank executives, have been arrested in connexion with a financial scandal, the prosecutor's office said.

Mr Yoon Ja Jung, former Transport Minister and president of the Korea Trade Promotion Corporation, was charged with accepting bribes totalling about £73,000 from Mr Kim Chul Ho, head of the Myungang Leisure Industries group, who was arrested on August 17 on fraud and tax evasion charges.

Moi returned

Nairobi (AP) - President Daniel Arap Moi, aged 59, automatically won a second five-year term as the Kenyan head of state when no other candidate stood to oppose him in his parliamentary constituency in Baringo.

Heiress held

Athens (Reuters) - Miss Christina Onassis was questioned by customs officials for three hours at Aktion, north-west Greece, before being allowed to leave for Switzerland. She recently appeared against a Greek court ruling that she owed about £22m in inheritance taxes.

Defence plea

Tokyo (Reuters) - The Japanese Defence Agency is seeking a 6.9 per cent increase to £8,000m in next year's budget to improve air and naval defence.

Guerrilla strike

Lima (AFP) - A policeman was killed and another seriously wounded as they fought off a guerrilla attempt to blow up a power station in Cajamarca, northern Peru.

Four shot dead

Johannesburg (AFP) - Two policemen and a civilian who was helping them were shot dead by Johann Tautz, an escaped prisoner, who then killed himself.

Pictures stolen

Rome (AFP) - Valuable drawings by Henry Moore have been stolen from the home of Signor Carmine Benincasa, an Italian art critic. They were not insured.

400 executed

Geneva (AFP) - Indonesia has summarily executed at least 400 people since 1982 because they were former convicts, according to the International Commission of Jurists.

Envoy fires conference salvo despite boycott

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Despite its boycott of the UN International Conference on the Palestine Question, Israel managed to fire the opening salvo yesterday by claiming that the conference was in effect denying the Jewish people its inalienable rights on its land.

Mr Ovdia Soffer, the Israeli Ambassador, said shortly before the conference opened at the Palais des Nations that the United Nations had squandered \$6m (£4m) on the conference and that the conference's "extremist sponsors" were demanding that the Jews be prohibited from engaging in any activity which asserted their right to self-determination.

"The Middle East is no more Arab than it is Jewish, Turkish, Persian, Kurdish, Druze, Maronite or other", he said. Only by direct negotiations with its neighbours could Israel advance peace in the Middle East.

In opening the conference, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary General, also spoke about inalienable rights, in this case those of the Palestinians.

"All members of the international community share a clear obligation to resolve the central problem of the legitimate rights and future of the Palestinian people", he said. "This task has been further complicated by the growth of Israeli settlements on the West Bank and by continuing failure to get down to meaningful negotiations."

A just settlement depended on recognition of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, including self-determination. The question of Jerusalem remained of primary importance. There must be negotiation, recognition and accommodation.

A message from Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, read by Mr Faruk Kaddumi, reaffirmed the PLO's determination to oppose Israel's expansionism. Mr Arafat is expected to visit the conference before it ends on September 7.

● Unwilling host: Switzerland, an unwilling host to the conference, has mobilized some 3,000 troops and police in its biggest peacetime security operation (Reuters reports).

Much of Geneva was turned into an armed camp for the conference.

Lee Kuan Yew plays Cupid

Singapore (Reuters) - The Singapore Government says it is planning a computerized match-making service to help women university graduates marry and produce better-educated children for the good of the state.

The plan was disclosed by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Goh Keng Swee, who said the Government was planning to buy software from Japan for computerized match-making.

He urged Singapore University professors to study the matter and suggested a course in courting technique for students entering the university.

"If we allow events to take their natural course, a large proportion of women graduates, probably the majority, will remain unmarried," Mr Goh said, backing up arguments put forward earlier this month by the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, which have created a controversy here.

Mr Lee said that uneducated Singapore women produced twice as many babies as their educated counterparts, and unless the trend was reversed the country would lose its talent pool and the economy would falter.

Mr Goh said Singapore should learn from Japan where "the computer has entered the match-making business".

"Matching is done by the computer but the print-outs are checked by a human before meetings are arranged in suitable surroundings with soft lights and romantic background music," he added.

Unlike Japan, where a woman on reaching 30 "becomes desperate and grabs at any man available", Singapore's women graduates became more fastidious and demanding as they became set in their life-style, he said.

Dad's Army all set for space

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Huge crowds gathered around Cape Canaveral last night to watch the space shuttle Challenger make a spectacular exit from Earth. The first shuttle night launching at 2.15am local time (07.15 BST) today was guaranteed to light up the sky from Cuba to South Carolina.

The crew of five includes America's first black man in space, Lieutenant-Colonel Guion (Guy) Bluford, an Air Force officer who flew combat missions in Vietnam.

The oldest man to go into space, Dr William Thornton, a physician who is 54.

The mission is an encouragement to all those who believe life begins at 40. The commander, Captain Richard Truly, is 45. Colonel Bluford is 40, and the pilot, Commander Daniel Bramdenstein, is also 40. The fifth member of the crew, Lieutenant-Commander Dale Gardner, is virtually the ship's boy at the age of 34.

Aquino's hearse mobbed

Manila (Reuters) - Crowds yesterday surged round the hearse conveying the body of Benigno Aquino, the murdered opposition leader, back to Manila, and for a time the vehicle was carried by the mourners, witnesses said.

The hearse led a slow convoy of more than 45 cars bearing Aquino's family and supporters through the packed streets of Angeles City, 45 miles north of Manila. People pressed forward to clap on the windows.

When the hearse turned into the highway, about 100 young men in symbolical colours dashed out and picked it up.

The presidential palace said that a former Supreme Court judge, Mr Julio Villamor, who is 81, had agreed to serve on the commission of five set up to investigate the murder. Earlier, two other retired Supreme Court judges and Cardinal Jaime Sin had declined invitations to serve on it.

The commission is composed of retired Supreme Court members except for its chairman, Chief Justice Enrique Fernando.

Greek bakeries close in price protest

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greek bakers refused to make bread yesterday as a protest against the Government's latest bread price increases which they say are inadequate.

After a rally in central Athens, where fresh loaves were given away to sympathizers, several thousands of them marched to the Ministry of Commerce and presented a resolution calling for a dialogue between the Minister and the bakers' federation.

The "bread war" erupted when the Government, after authoriz-

ing some large increases in flour prices, decreed stricter specifications for three types of basic bread, and granted only modest price increases on the grounds that bakers enjoyed wide profit margins.

Bakers reacted by limiting production of regulation bread in favour of smaller "de luxe" loaves whose price is not subject to state controls. When the Government unleashed the market police to sue recalcitrant bakers, many bakers simply closed down, ostensibly for a summer vacation.

The "bread war" has caused a great deal of embarrassment to the Socialist government of a country of avid bread eaters.

"Government-sanctioned increases for flour, fuel and wages have caused production costs to climb by 44 per cent this year", a spokesman said.

A two-pound loaf of basic bread known as "70 per cent" which cost 24p is now 30p while the comparable loaf of the very popular "village bread" priced at 41p was allowed only a 2p increase.

Meeting the demand.

On four separate counts the competitors' disbelief in Airbus Industrie and its products has been proved wrong. Forty six airlines will vouch for that.

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But of course we do, and now that some of their biggest customers are some of ours, they're asking if we'll be able to produce enough to meet the demand. Compliments like that are hard to come by.



100 injured as Sikhs armed with swords storm Amritsar office

Chandigarh (Reuter, AFP) — Serious fighting broke out in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar yesterday when militants stormed an important government office, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. About 100 people were injured.

Up to 15,000 Sikhs, wielding swords, spears and other weapons broke through barbed wire barricades and stormed into the office of the deputy commissioner, the town's top administrative officer.

The demonstrators defied tear gas charges and police baton charges to storm the building, the news agency said, and police and demonstrators fought hand-to-hand battles. Several people were helped bleeding from the scene.

The Amritsar demonstration was part of a general strike called by the Sikhs in Punjab to press demands for greater state autonomy.

Punjab's inspector general of police, Mr M. E. Bhinder, told Reuters in Chandigarh, the state's administrative capital, that crowds of between 100 and 3,000 were gathered around barbed wire barricades at government offices in most of Punjab's other main towns.

Witnesses said that the Amritsar crowd set off from the Golden Temple, the Sikh's holiest shrine and headquarters of the militant Sikh Akali Dal party which called the strike.

Schools and universities throughout Punjab, where most of India's 12 million Sikhs live, were closed yesterday and extra police and paramilitary forces were on

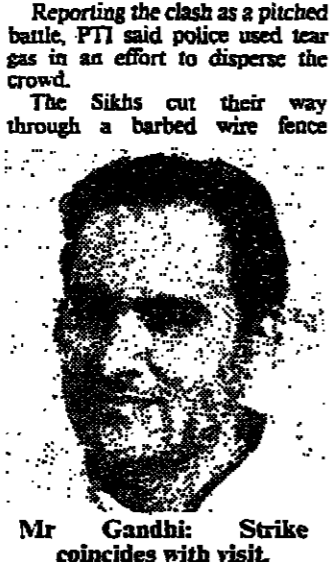
duty to head off violence which marred other stoppages this year.

In April, a road blockade in Punjab resulted in violence in which at least 21 people died.

Militant Sikhs want religious and political concessions for the state, a rich agricultural area known as India's breadbasket for its production of wheat and other food.

Reporting the clash as a pitched battle, PTI said police used tear gas in an effort to disperse the crowd.

The Sikhs cut their way through a barbed wire fence



Mr Gandhi: Strike coincides with visit.

The strike was called by mostly Hindu Assamese who want immigrants to be deported from the Brahmaputra Valley state.

Police rounded up more than 100 Assamese militants before the strike in anticipation of possible violence and armed police patrolled streets. The state government outlawed stoppage of essential services.

The protest coincided with a visit to Assam by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

The agitation was started four years ago by Assamese demanding the deportation of what they say are 3.5 million Muslim immigrants from former East Pakistan.

It burst into widespread killings during February's elections after the Assamese hard-liners claimed many of the migrants were illegally listed as voters.

The All Assam Students Union and the All Assam People's Action Council, cosponsors of the campaign against immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, called the strike to demand an early resolution of the immigration issue and to protest against the "imposition" of an "illegal government" by Mrs Gandhi.

Short shrift for Brezhnevites Andropov cracks the whip at home

In his concluding article on President Andropov's policy initiatives, RICHARD OWEN, our Moscow Correspondent, reports on his approach to domestic issues.

Few Russians the most arresting aspect of Mr Andropov's busy August was not his meeting with American senators or his proposal for a ban on space weapons, but his whip-cracking drive for discipline at home.

Mr Andropov has fixed his steely gaze on the shortcomings of the Soviet economy, not to say the Russian character. He has no patience with the theory of the "broad Russian soul", regarding it as a pretext for laziness and drunkenness.

He dislikes the Russian vice of wall-to-wall hyperbole. Above all, he has made it clear that a military superpower with a huge defence budget cannot afford an economy which is technologically backward and suffers from large gaps in production and distribution.

Most Russians, lying on beaches or relaxing in dacha gardens, were shocked to read in their papers on August 7 that they would be severely punished for absenteeism or alcoholism when they got back to their factory benches or office desks.

"We will relax all the harder, knowing we're going to have to work harder," one office-worker joked. But most realized Mr Andropov was not joking. He followed the announcement of penalties for slacking with a meeting of party veterans a week later at which he underlined that the announcement meant what it said.

It is compensation for some to know that Mr Andropov and his team are combining this drive for discipline with a gradual but



Symbolic line-up: Mr. Andropov flanked by Mr Romanov (left) and Mr Gorbachov.

determined economic reform programme. It is small comfort for others, however — and they include managers — who stand to lose earnings, promotion, or even jobs.

The limited reforms which come into force in January have been criticized as inadequate but do link earnings more closely to productivity. The "brigade system" used on some farms, which rewards team effort and distributes profits, has been given full approval by Pravda.

At his meeting with party veterans on August 15 Mr Andropov made short shrift of those with comfortable careers under Mr Brezhnev who now argue that the system is cumbersome to reform.

"We have not been vigorous enough... We not infrequently resorted to half-measures and could not overcome accumulated inertia," he said — phrases already chiselled in stone for Agitprop lecturers to repeat. "We must now make up for what we have lost."

Scripted or not, most Russians understood Mr Andropov meant business. They also understood the symbolism in the fact that he was flanked by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, who is 53, and Mr Grigory Romanov, who is 60. Youthful by Politburo standards, ambitious and astute, they

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and Mr Gaidar Aleyev — constitute the Young Turks who stand to inherit whatever legacy Mr Andropov may leave behind.

Mr Gorbachov is the Central Committee Agriculture Secretary. In spite of four successive bad harvests he looks set to benefit from both a better 1983 harvest and the US-Soviet grain agreement.

Mr Romanov, who at the June Plenum moved from Leningrad to become a Central Committee secretary in Moscow, has spent

Insects eat mummies in Peru's museums

From Edward Schumacher New York Times

Pre-Columbian works of art and artifacts of major historical interest, some dating to 6,000 years before Christ, are rotting, crumbling or being stolen from museums here.

Museum curators and archaeologists say that up to half of the precious ceramics, textiles and other objects in Peru's more than 250 public and private museums have been lost or irreparably damaged in recent years.

"Each day we are losing more," says Senor Luis Guillermo Lumbayna, a leading Peruvian archaeologist and former director of the National Archaeology and Anthropology Museum. "It's a tragedy."

Unesco study completed last month on Peru's museums concluded that after years of meagre budgets, they can no longer cope with their problems.

The decay of antiquities is a problem shared by many developing nations but Peru's problem is especially critical. Peru was one of the most advanced centres of ancient civilization in the Western Hemisphere, and it holds an interest for museum curators, archaeologists and historians unmatched only by Egypt and China.

The trouble began after objects were removed from the ground and put in museums and storerooms without humidity controls.

Peru, which is one of the poorest nations in South America, has a total capital stock of only about \$200 a person, cannot afford the controlled environment that would assure the preservation of the relics.

A recent stockroom tour of the more than 500,000 pieces in the national museum, an expanded farmhouse, showed them to be riddled with larvae, infested with rats and attacked by fungi. The museum lacks climate controls and is seriously understaffed.

Many colourful painted ceramics have turned dull in storage. Among these are rows of 2,500-year-old Nazca polychrome vases depicting stylized cats and birds that are now faded and lifeless.

There are mummies in the museum, too. Peru's many ancient cultures — the Chavin, Paracas and Inca, which began emerging 8,000 years ago — mummified their dead and buried them with ceramics, weavings, seeds and food.

While mummies thousands of years of old have been exposed on storage shelves, insects have eaten the hair. Buckets of bats sit in the courtyard outside. So do saggy cardboard boxes where researchers keep their shards and other stray pieces. The research takes place in wooden shacks

Store raid gang to die in China

From Richard Hughes Hongkong

A Hongkong man has been sentenced to death by a Chinese court in Shumchun "special economic zone" bordering this colony for his part in a department store robbery.

A gang of six, wearing masks and brandishing knives, broke into the Shumchun Friendship Store, tied up three employees and escaped with foreign exchange certificates worth \$HK28,100 (£2,600) and cash worth \$HK6,500.

The Hongkong man and four of his accomplices, who are Shumchun residents, received death sentences. The sixth was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Security officials had demanded severe penalties, claiming that such crimes could seriously affect the development of the special economic zone, which was beginning to unite China and Hongkong.

Five ex-leaders fear a world economic disaster

From Terence Smith (New York Times), Vail, Colorado

Five former heads of government, all involuntarily retired from office, gathered at this ski resort over the weekend to consider the state of the world and the transient quality of political power.

At one point, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, gestured towards four men seated with him on a deck. "What we have here," he said half in jest, "is a beautiful experience. A conspiracy of former world leaders against present world leaders. But thank God none of us has the power to alter anything any more."

The other former leaders at the mountain home of former President Ford, included M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former president of France, Mr James Callaghan, former British Prime Minister, and Mr Malcolm Fraser, the former Prime Minister of Australia.

They came here at Mr Ford's invitation to take part in three days of discussion with nearly 100 economists, diplomats, political figures and corporate executives. The meeting was sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, and the Vail Foundation.

Other guests also included Dr Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State; Mr Arthur Burns, the United States Ambassador to West Germany; Mr Alan Greenspan and Mr Paul McCracken, both economists; the United States Special Trade Representative, Mr William Brock, and several members of Congress.

The leaders sounded warnings that the Reagan Administration's projected budget deficits of nearly \$200 billion (about £13 billion), combined with high interest rates and unemployment, threatened to bring about a world economic disaster unlike anything seen since the 1930s.

USSR: Iosif Begun

By Caroline Moorehead

For the third time an internationally respected radio engineer and mathematician, Dr Iosif Begun, is awaiting trial this month in Vladimir prison, Moscow.

Dr Begun, who has been described by Soviet authorities as leading a "school of parasitic 100", is charged under Article 70, which deals with the spreading of anti-Soviet propaganda. Given his past two convictions, he risks a term of imprisonment of three to ten years and the possibility of a further two to five years' internal exile.

Dr Begun's father and grandfather were both religious Jews. In April, 1971, after having taught himself Hebrew, he requested an exit permit for Israel, which was refused on grounds of alleged possession of "state secrets". Soon afterwards, he was dismissed from his job as senior research assistant at the Moscow Central Research Insti-

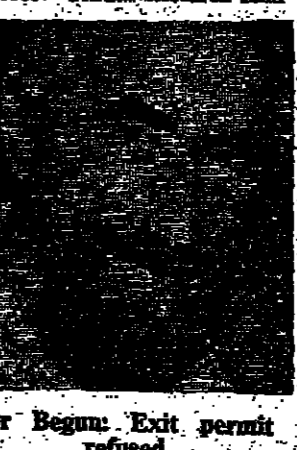


Prisoners of conscience

He then lost two subsequent jobs, as a telephone operator and a night watchman.

Even then on, Dr Begun continued to battle for an exit visa, meanwhile becoming involved in the teaching of Hebrew. In March, 1977, he was arrested and charged with "parasitism". Three weeks later, he began a hunger strike, being force-fed every three days. The strike lasted over three months. At his trial in June, 1977 he was sentenced to two years internal exile.

Continuing, after his return to Moscow, his work as a Jewish activist, Dr Begun was re-arrested in May, 1978, charged with violating internal passport laws (he had been living in Moscow without a permit) and sentenced to three further years of internal exile. Released in August, 1980 he found work as a fireman, while continuing to press his applications for an exit visa. His most recent arrest came in November, 1982 in Leningrad, where he was boarding a train for Moscow.



Dr Begun: Exit permit refused

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Just dying to be noticed

Edinburgh. The Fringe at the Edinburgh Festival is the most frightening mixture of naked capitalism and artistic Bohemianism.

So the furrowed brow on the director's face may mean either a small audience last night or the lack of next week's rent.

I bumped into a man yesterday who is putting on a show called Iron Age at the Abbey Laid Hall.

I don't know whether the show is good or not. But I recognize that almost frightening hunger for a review.

Another man I bumped into (a lot of bumping into takes place here) was with a Cambridge review last year.

I bumped into Mike Moran the other day - see Scotsman stage, with his own show in a George Square basement.

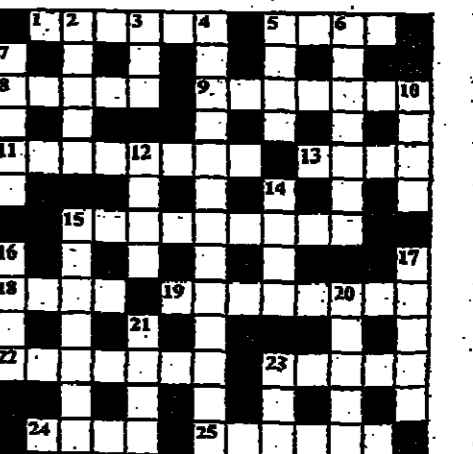
I've never carried a safety officer to his car before," says Moran, "and given him a cup of coffee before he felt well enough to drive off."

The Scotsman! The review! It's worse than waiting for A-level results.

I bumped into Harvey of the Wallbangers. They had a very good review last year.

What works as well as a review, though, is word of mouth, and this is anyone's guess.

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As Pakistan's corrupt military government stumbles towards the country's first democratic elections for more than a decade, the two future leaders quarrel over their family, their mistresses and their advancing careers. In the second extract from Salman Rushdie's new novel, Shame, Harappa buys himself a political party, wins at the polls and chooses Hyder to repair the damage done by the calamitous war in Bangladesh.



A GREAT MAN TO UNMAKE HIMSELF

Iskander Harappa stands in the foreground, finger pointing towards the future, silhouetted against the dawn.

What is being born? A legend: Iskander Harappa rising, falling; Iskander condemned to death, the world horrified, his executioner drowned in telegrams.

The elections which brought Iskander Harappa to power were not (it must be said) straightforward.

Confusion of people who have lived too long under military rule, who have forgotten the simplest things about democracy!

Outside the errant polling stations large numbers of democrats assembled, many holding burning brands above their heads in the hope of shedding new light on the count.

The real trouble, however, started over the East Wing, that festering swamp. Populated by whom? - O, savages, breeding endlessly, jungle-bunnies good for nothing but growing jute and rice.

The West in a state of shock, the sound of one Wing flapping, beset by the appalling notion of surrendering the government to a party of swamp aborigines.

Her thoughts, Arjumand's, do not dwell on the war that followed, except to note that of course the idolatrous nation positioned between the Wings backed the Eastern bastards to the hilt.

Shame, by Salman Rushdie, is to be published by Jonathan Cape on September 3, price £7.95.

The catastrophe: throughout the war, hourly radio bulletins described the glorious triumphs of the Western regiments in the East.

Chairman Iskander Harappa, on becoming Prime Minister, correctly identified the national reaction to the astounding capitulation as one of just rage, fuelled by shame.

'Responsibility for that fatal hour', Iskander pronounced, 'lies, as it must, at the top'. Policemen, also dogs, surrounded the home of ex-President Shaggy within fifteen minutes of this decree.

There were cynical people who sneered at this pardon: that is needless to say, since all nations have their nihilists.

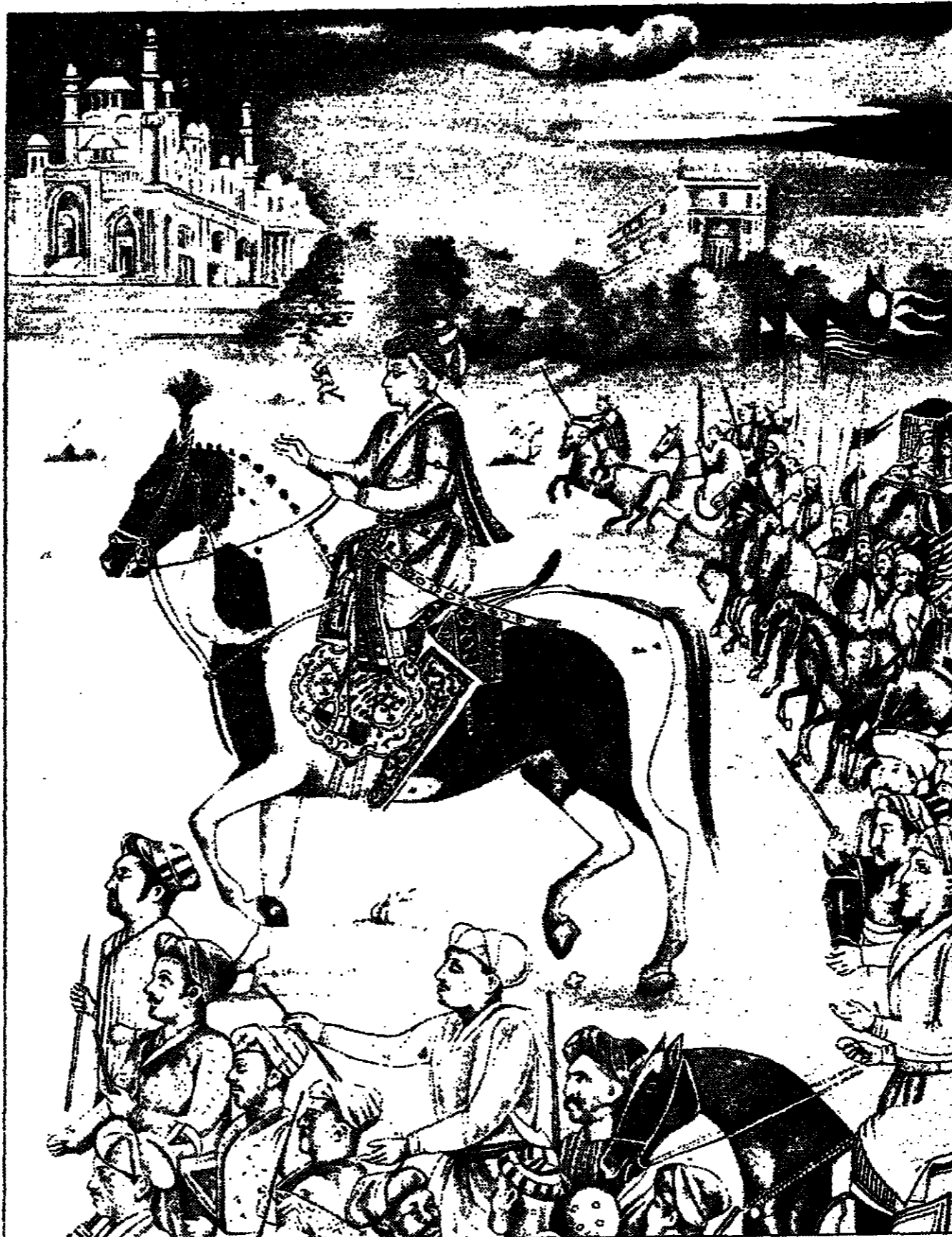
At a rally attended by two million people, Iskander Harappa unbentoned his shirt. 'What have I to hide?' he shouted.

Some men are so great that they can be unmade only by themselves. The defeated Army needed new leadership; Iskander packed off the discredited old guard into early retirement.

General Raza Hyder inherited from his predecessor a lugubrious seven-foot ADC named Major Shuja, and also an army so unnerved by its defeat in the former East Wing that it could no longer win so much as a football game.

So it was that during the first months of his chieftancy Raza Hyder was present at the most remarkable series of humiliations in the annals of army sport, beginning with the legendary inter-services cricket game in which the Army XI lost all ten first-innings wickets without scoring a single run off the bat.

The Army cricketers finally lost the game by an innings and 420 runs; it would have been 419 except that one of the Army's second-innings runs was never completed.



stared about distractedly, and failed even to notice when he was run out... Hyder witnessed, to the hockey match in which the Navy boys scored forty times in eighty minutes while the soldiers stared glumly at their curved sticks as if they were rifles.

After this the mournful figure of Major Shuja presented itself to the General in his office and suggested that perhaps it would be better begging for pardon, sir, if the C-in-C Sahib would stay away from such events.

'Son of a gun,' Raza cried, 'how come the entire Army turned into a bunch of blushing women overnight?'

'The war, sir,' replied Shuja, speaking from the well of a desolation so profound that he no longer cared about his career prospects.

Now Raza understood that his troops were joined in the terrible solidarity of their shared humiliation, and guessed at last why it was that not one of his fellow officers had ever offered him a fizzy drink in the officers' mess.

'Very good, sir,' Shuja controlled himself, 'I shall convey the General's view to the polo squad, sir.'

'What a life,' Raza Hyder said aloud when he was alone. 'The higher you climb, the thicker the blasted mud.'

General Peter strolling through a gallery of dancing red biobs; or about the TV chief who once told me solemnly that pork was a four-letter word; or about the issue of Time magazine (or was it Newsweek?) which never got into the country because it carried an article about President Ayub Khan's alleged Swiss bank account.

By now, if I had been writing a book of this nature, it would have done me no good to protest that I was writing universally, not only about Pakistan.

Fortunately, however, I am only telling a sort of modern fairy-tale, so that's all right; nobody need get upset, or take anything I say too seriously.

What a relief!

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FASHION

As a new term for design students gets under way, last year's trainees are taking their first steps in the commercial world. Guest writer Angela Neustatter looks at the prospects in store for them

Having designs on the future

An ambitious fashion project designed to provide a showcase and selling base for some of Britain's best young designers, opens in Kensington on September 1.

The work of more than 50 carefully selected, new designers will go on sale at Hyper Hyper, a complex of individually rented shop units for new designers to do their own trading. There is space for fashion shows and there will be displays of selected work from art colleges.

Hyper Hyper was conceived and set up by Lauren Gordon, who runs Antiquarius and a number of other fashion organisations, and Mike Bridge, who formerly ran Mainseason and Midseason. Lauren explains: "There is a huge amount of talent coming out of art colleges in Britain but it is often immensely hard for a new designer to get a break. At present, with money tight, boutiques which might once have gambled on designs by new names tend to stick to people they know."

"If we are going to recognize the talent in the country we must draw it together so that it can be seen. The virtue from the designers' point of view is that they rent a unit with all overheads included so they know exactly where they stand. Mike and I will ensure that everything is run professionally - very often new designers just do not have the experience to run a business on highly professional lines. Although the designers are part of an umbrella organization, they have their own shopfronts and their own names listed."

The designers selling at Hyper Hyper include: Lec Tan, Barbara de Vries, the Camden Set, Dexter Wong, Ellis Flyte who designed the costumes for Dark Crystal, and Caroline Eavis who has been selling to Parker's.

Lauren explains: "We selected people very carefully to represent a cross-section of the kind of ideas and creativity around and to demonstrate the high quality of young British design. We tend to have people who have been working for a little while because we want to be certain our designers have got their production, worked out."

Lec Tan, who left the London College of Fashion two years ago and has been selling to Whistles since, explains why he is taking a unit at Hyper Hyper: "For Whistles I do a collection designed for their kind of customer. I want to do other things and establish my name. I believe that within an organization which will attract attention I will be noticed and create exactly the kind of clothes I want for different kinds of people."

This is not the first project set up to focus on and provide an outlet for our young designers. Two years ago Steve Hudson set up New Masters, a shop on the King's Road, where he sells the work of designers he and his wife judge particularly good. More recently Caroline Coates set up the Amalgamated Talent group of young designers, staging twice yearly shows for buyers and press.

The Hackney Fashion Centre, set up to stimulate the fashion industry in a variety of ways, puts on exhibitions of work by design students leaving college and they are now developing courses in setting up a business for young designers.

The value of all these projects is that they will help to establish an identity for young designers in one place, whereas they have tended to be scattered around in small workshops and studios, hard to find and even harder to view as a corporate group with a contribution to fashion.

Another of the problems which has dogged young designers emerging from college is the emphasis on the way they produce gimmicks and curiosities rather than clothes with a wide application. Certainly this is a way they have been much presented in the fashion press and the image has surely made it harder for them to get jobs in an industry where idiosyncrasy is mistrusted. It has been galling to watch some of our most talented youngsters being snapped up by foreign companies which do appreciate the individualism they have learnt in our colleges.

Central to the success the young designer projects have is the attention they get from the fashion press. Fashion journalists are primary purveyors of conventional wisdom on what is happening; stimulate new interests and demands and give the seal of approval to certain styles.

The point made by Lauren Gordon is that Hyper Hyper should provide a centre where the best of young design exists and that this should help to make the press value it as a definite part of the fashion business.

So the fashion press plays a vital part in helping young designers to succeed, and at this point it seems relevant to ask how those who write on fashion are equipped for the responsible job of communicating the subject.

There are very few courses for aspirant fashion journalists. While the importance of a highly specialized, continuing training for those producing fashion is acknowledged and a good deal of money is put into teaching them, no such value is apparently placed on the skill with which the fashion press performs. Many people now doing the job have come from general journalism; others have come from public relations or different parts of the industry and have a thorough grounding in fashion, but virtually none of the journalistic skills to do the job thoroughly. Many are good at what they do, but it is clear that others are handicapped by their lack of training.

So as a lecturer in journalism on one of the very few fashion communication courses which exist, at the London College of Fashion, the challenge to us has been to try and devise a curriculum which blends the knowledge of fashion with the journalistic skills necessary.

The course, which has been of one year's duration and is now to extend to two years under the new DATEC scheme, is an option slotted into a detailed fashion course covering design, fashion appreciation, the sociology of fashion, how the industry works, beauty therapy and cosmetics, as well as other general subjects.

Michael Talboys, head of design at LCF, who will oversee the DATEC fashion writers' course, sees his job as developing a critical eye for fashion and encouraging students to question whether writers in the press are giving a comprehensive and accurate picture of contemporary design and ideas. He explains: "Students tend to take what they see in the press as gospel and to assume they should copy. But in my view a lot of fashion writers get stuck on their favourite designers and do not represent the industry properly."

"This can make it very difficult for new designers to break into the charmed circle, and it means fashion is presented in a limited way."

The journalism teaching is woven into the curriculum and the question loomed when I first began teaching - how best to organize a syllabus which would provide a basic grounding in writing, researching, interviewing and investigative reporting, which I believe is essential for any area of journalism, and at the same time satisfy

the varied aspirations of the students. Dreams ranged from a prestige job on a glossy magazine, to fashion trade papers, local and national newspapers and women's magazines, with a couple of pairs of eyes set on subculture publications.

There are, on each course, some 30 hopefuls who come with plenty of enthusiasm and, generally, very little realism about what the process of becoming a fashion journalist entails. They ask, somewhat balefully, how soon they will be styling photographs and attending press shows.

Instead they are expected to read a selection of newspapers and magazines critically and carefully to examine how the news in general as well as fashion material is covered. This way they develop a knowledge of how to put together a range of subjects which can be useful if they are expected to cover an industrial fashion story which may require solid research and writing rather than fashion adjectives.

They then spend a chunk of the first term learning to write short, sharp news stories as an exercise in presenting material concisely and compellingly before they get their marching orders and go out to cover a fashion show, exhibition or designer collection.

During the year they go to Paris to cover the prêt à porter collections; they go out on work experience and they produce a magazine. They also do in depth interviews, research projects and they are expected to initiate their own ideas for articles. The idea is to stimulate them into looking at the way fashion is tackled and to see how they read and to spot overblown writing and coverage which provides very little information. They are expected to develop the confidence to contribute something original when they get work.

It is difficult within the closed environment of a college to gauge how acceptable students will be when they venture into the outside world, but it has been cheering to find a good many ending up in enviable jobs. For all that they are critical of the course and rightly so, while generally acknowledging that it has been valuable.

Harriet Jagger, working as assistant to Sally Brampton on The Observer and writing a freelance column for Blitz magazine, says: "The course trained me into being sure of what I wanted to do. Going to shows and exhibitions and having to write about them was a valuable experience. The job is really about."

"But there should have been hours devoted to journalism skills and fashion appreciation, with fewer other subjects thrown in. I feel I could have come away a great deal more accomplished than I was and I did have to struggle when I started this job. But when I applied for the job the fact that I had done the course, that I had some idea what fashion journalism is about, was a help."

Jane Easton, now working on Ms London and doing some freelance fashion writing and styling, says: "Being in a college where fashion is being studied by designers and people who will go into industry, created an atmosphere where you



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Where to go in London to buy ex-student designs

- New Masters, 336 King's Road, SW3. Designed as a street-level fashion gallery. Hyper Hyper, 26-40 Kensington High Street, W8. Opens September. Academy, 188a King's Road, SW3. Currently stocking the English Eccentrics collection. New designer featured every three months, also choose the shop's interior image. Review, 87 King's Road, SW3. Stock Sue Clowes, Jenny Barnard, Empire Shirts, Michelle Clapton. Demon, 47 Beak Street, W1. Well-known for Richard Ostell and Elaine Oxford. Opening a menswear shop opposite in Upper James Street in early September. South Molton Street, W1. Anne Smith for New Masters and own label collection.



Above: BODY MAP'S cream and black for autumn, designed by Stevia Stewart and David Holah. Hand-knit cropped cotton top £55, tube skirt £59 from Joseph, 6 Sloane Street, SW1; Browns, 25 South Molton Street, W1; Jones, 71 King's Road, SW3; Plain Clothes, Nottingham; Please Yourself, Birmingham; Corniche, Edinburgh; Mirror Mirror, Dublin. Birkenstocks health sandals £27.95 from Natural Shoe Store, 21 Neal Street, WC2; 325 King's Road, SW3; 22 North End Road, W14. Backdrop by Brian Bolger of The Cloth.

Left: LA PALETTE's workwear, designed by Corinne Drewery and Jill Tattersall. Cream cotton jersey spandex print top £32, cropped bar-print trousers £40, also black, grey, brown from Joanna's Tent, 289 King's Road, SW3; Le Brun, Bournemouth; Street Clothes, Leeds; Lucinda Byre, Liverpool; Shirt, £16.99, Warehouse branches; Pumps, £12.99, Sacha branches. Backdrop by David Band of The Cloth.

Right: LEK's unstructured forms, designed by Lec Tan. Midnight blue jacket approx £40, slim skirt £48.50, sizes 8-14, from Whistles, 14 Beauchamp Place, SW3 (p & p 2); 1 Thayer Street, W1 and branches. Bow beret and backcloth by Helen Manning of The Cloth. Jacket rights £7.95 from Liberty. Leather and stamped suede courts £38. Rider, 116 Long Acre, WC2 and branches. Palette mirror £14.50 from a selection at Practical Styling, 16-18 St Giles High Street, nr Centre Point, W1.



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Forming a design team has become a popular way to get a foot on the first rung of the commercial ladder. Ex-students wanting to set up on their own can spread the costs of workshops and exhibition stands, and give each other moral support.

The Cloth is a group of four textile printers who left the Royal College of Art this summer and are finding work in a variety of outlets. The record cover of Spandan Ballet's recent album *True*, above, features one of David Band's figurative designs, and he has worked on fashion fabrics for Jeff Banks.

Fraser Taylor did the cover for next month's *Design* magazine and Chatters have just commissioned him to do some T-shirt designs. Brian Bolger is illustrating for magazines and planning a trip to show their work to design studios in Paris.

Practical Styling displayed their high-tech furniture against The Cloth's backdrops recently and Terence Courran is interested in using their designs for "soot" office furnishings and in exhibiting Helen Manning's paintings. She is the most fashion-orientated (and the only girl) of the group and currently has a selection of screen-printed clothes in Demoh, Beak Street. The Cloth, 27-29 Union Street, Southwark, SE1. Telephone: 01-923 5794.

Christine Painell

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BARRY FANTONI



'Good news, dear. Pandora's been expelled.'

Suffolk punch

I forsook the Notting Hill Festival [again] this year for ethnic celebrations amid the quiet calm of the Suffolk reed-marshes...

Liquid assets

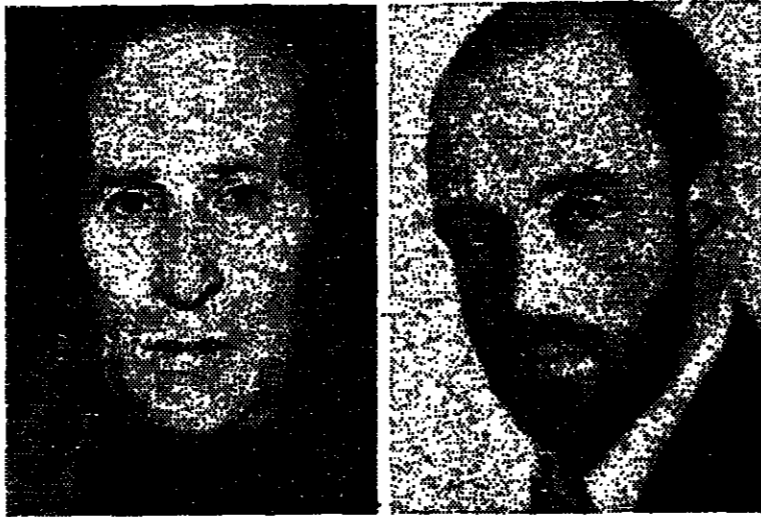
Foreign debts are driving Brazilians to drink. A bar named External Debt has been opened opposite the administrative centre of the Banco do Brasil...

From my international menu file I can report that my colleague David Hewson had to go no further than the Aphroditan Restaurant, Calcedonian Road, to find 'Live kebabs and chickens' on the bill of fare...

than the Aphroditan Restaurant, Calcedonian Road, to find 'Live kebabs and chickens' on the bill of fare. Roderic Wilkinson dropped me a card from Corsica as soon as he was offered 'Grilled Old Salt' and 'Corsican Pork Butcher'...

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Darlings, you're not quite as wonderful as you think



Weaker: "Individual opinions magnified by print"

Fenton: demanding the right to be wrong

There is an excellent article, written with elegance and passion, in the current Listener, by Arnold Wesker; it is a formidable, fair and logically argued case against the critics...

This article is very loosely tied to a book of collected criticisms by Mr James Fenton (theatre reviews of The Sunday Times), but he is, rightly, concerned to make a general case, not to find particular fault with Mr Fenton...

This decision, he argues, is reinforced by a public attitude which "regards artistic activity as presumptuous". Living artists, he says, "work in a continual state of original sin from which only a good review can redeem them..."

Then Mr Wesker challenges a central claim made by Mr Fenton, and I think by most critics in one form or another (certainly I agree with it myself) - Mr Fenton was, incidentally, my successor as theatre critic of The Sunday Times...

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That, I think, gives a reasonably comprehensive account of Mr Wesker's review of reviews. Before I get to grips with the substance of it, there are a few lesser matters to get out of the way. Note first that Mr Wesker challenges Mr Fenton's "right to be wrong, to be unfair"; but though he quotes also the third of Mr Fenton's claims, "the right to be overenthusiastic", he then falls silent on the subject...

This is not a quibble; the truth is that the theatre demands praise as its right, and genuinely believes that favourable reviews are only its due, while unfavourable ones are a kind of treachery. The old Broadway saying "If you ain't praising 'em, they ain't listening" has a core of literal truth; Mr Wesker claims that the theatre is self-critical, but it is about as self-critical as Louis XIV and without unfair and wrong-headed critics it would eventually drown in the pool of Narcissus.

Furthermore, Mr Wesker's portrait of the gifted artist, poor-mouthed by the critics, starving in a garret, or even hanging himself from its beams ("Two years of work wiped out... cracked confidence, pain..."), besides being subject to the same test of even-handedness as the previous point (nobody ever heard a playwright, rejoicing at his new-found prosperity, declaring that the full houses from which he is coining money were filled by the words of the delightful, generous, supportive critics), misses a crucial point. What goes on behind the scenes is, in all the senses of the phrase, no business of the critic. His duty is to deal with what comes over the footlights, and whether his review helps to establish or diminish a reputation or an income he is not to concern himself with such matters; that way self-corruption lies.

of the playwright's starving wife and nine children. But there is another sense in which Mr Wesker misunderstands the critics' influence. Reviewing London plays for London audiences, there are about a dozen critics whose views command attention. Very, very rarely indeed do they agree, but let us say that they are unanimous on the stinking demerits of play X by playwright Z, and with one accord characterize it as bilge. It closes a corner's verdict of murder by the critics. Is it not more likely that if a dozen people of widely different ages, politics, philosophies, outlooks, tastes, tempers, even sexes, agree that the play was bilge, it actually was bilge, and the true verdict should have been suicide by the theatre while of unsound mind?

"Reviews," says Mr Wesker, "like to delude themselves that they have a public who trusts them. But did anyone change papers because Fenton took over from Levin? I've no idea, but the 'delusion' is true, for all that. No individual critic can have an influence on theatre audiences unless his readers have come to feel that he likes the kind of play they like themselves, and dislikes the kind they would wish to avoid; Sir Harold Hobson was a more influential critic on The Sunday Times than I was on the Daily Mail because a higher proportion of his readers shared his tastes. Mr Wesker, of course, may reply that he is talking only about the critic's influence on art, and that he is indifferent to such commercial considerations as the number of tickets sold; but if he does say that I shall extend my right index finger along the side of my nose, and wink with the other eye.

This argument can never end, but there is a reason for the perpetuum mobile. For the last fallacy in Mr Wesker's case is his implicit belief - it runs beneath his whole argument like a subterranean river - that criticism is part of the theatre, and has obligations to it. But criticism is not in any way part of the theatre; for good or ill, it is part of journalism, and never the twain shall meet. A critic's duty is first to the truth as he sees it ("and it shall follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man"), second to his readers; but to the theatre, however disgusted, and enraged the theatre may be at the fact, not at all.

T. C. Worsley, one of the finest of modern theatre critics, summed it all up when he said that theatre and critic could never be lasting friends, because they worked from different premises, which are embodied in their respective mottoes. The theatre's, he wrote, can be seen in letters of gold above every dressing-room door, and it reads "Darling, you were wonderful". But the critic, as he dips his ill-paid pen into the ink, looks up at the poker-work motto on his desk, which reads "Don't kid yourself; Keats died of consumption".

The hobbling of Rome's light cavalry

As the Jesuits prepare to elect a new leader, Peter Nichols chronicles the strains in their relations with the Pope

Rome. The Jesuits are gathering for their General Congregation here on Thursday to elect a new Superior General to lead this most formidable of the Roman Catholic Church's religious orders. Whoever emerges with the necessary absolute majority will inherit a situation without precedent in the 442 years of the order. All that can be said about him at this point is that he will almost surely be one of the 220 electors because no Superior General has yet been found outside the General Congregation.

His election will follow the resignation of the Spanish Father Pedro Arrupe, something which has never happened before in the order's affairs. Most fascinating of all will be the new Superior General's approach to the Pope and the Holy See, given that two years ago the Pontiff did what no other Pope has done and imposed on the Jesuits a temporary leader of his own choosing.

The Jesuits have passed through a humiliating two years since October 1981 when Pope John Paul II took a heavy hand in the order's affairs. The previous year Father Arrupe had decided to resign because of advancing age. As a matter of course, he informed the Pope. Already the two men were on unsatisfactory personal terms. The Pope, practically from the moment of his election, was noticed to have severe misgivings about the Jesuits. The Pope instructed Father Arrupe to halt the arrangements he had made for a General Congregation to announce his retirement. On August 7 1981, Father Arrupe suffered a stroke from which he has still not fully recovered. When the state of his health was clear, he appointed Father Vincent O'Keefe, the most experienced of his four assistant-generals, to lead the order until a new Superior General had been chosen. The Pope intervened again. On October 5, 1981, he wrote a letter to the sick Father Arrupe putting aside the Superior General's arrangements and appointing Father Paolo Dezza, an octogenarian Jesuit with long experience at the papal court, as temporary head of the order. The Pope appointed as Dezza's deputy, Father Giuseppe Pittau, 51, the order's provincial in Japan who had caught the Pope's eye during his visit there. The Pope reserved the



Father Arrupe, who has resigned because of ill health, welcomes the Pope to the Jesuits' headquarters in January last year. Right, Father Pittau, a possible successor who has the Pope's blessing

right to decide when the Jesuits would be allowed a General Congregation to elect their leader. The Pope's assault on the order was based on two issues. He objected to the deep involvement of some Jesuits in social questions and politics, in particular in Central America. That involvement was highlighted, when the late Archbishop Romero of San Salvador turned strongly against the El Salvador government because of the murder of one of his parish priests, a Jesuit. The archbishop himself was later murdered.

The second point at dispute is less easily definable: it appears that the Pope objected to the liberal teachings being built up in Father Arrupe's statements and writings. The Pope is said to have seen in these collections something akin to a rival authority. Certainly the men were very distant. The Pope opposes political roles for priests with the exception, of course, of Poland. The last talk which Father Arrupe gave a matter of hours before his stroke was taped in Bangkok and this final address includes such characteristic remarks as these: "Should we help spiritually the guerrillas in Latin America? No? Well, I cannot say 'no'... if you have a wounded person even if he were a guerrilla, you have to help him. That is the meaning of being a good Samaritan. Is that political? People say so. No, I am a priest. I am helping this poor man here. I don't care if he were a guerrilla, religious or non-Catholic. He is a poor man. He is a poor-man who is suffering. ..."

The broader significance of the Pope's clash with the Jesuits is seen by some of them to go beyond the differences between an authoritarian pontiff and the "Black Pope". The Jesuit Superior general is frequently described. They say that the Pope is more than ready to tell them what they are doing wrong, but not what they should be doing. And that, in fact, they maintain, is common throughout the Catholic Church. One of the few definitions of the Pope's thinking comes from Father Pittau, who is now acting leader.

Commenting on the Pope's request that the Jesuits intercede themselves in the initiatives put forward by the Second Vatican Council, he said: "We used to be the holy cavalry, out in front. Then the Holy Father ordered us to dismount." His statement that the Pope does not like a vanguard, but a Church which moves like a convoy, hints at regret despite the fact that Father Pittau was the Pope's own appointee. Will he be the next Superior General? His is certainly one of the names most heard. Yet his nomination would suggest that the order was going a very long way to please the Pope. Yet the Jesuits do want to please the Pope in the sense that they have vowed obedience to him. They also regard themselves as the papacy's most powerful force, and have shown by their outward calm that if the Pope had expected a rebellion, he has seriously misunderstood the Jesuit temperament. Father O'Keefe is also seen to be a candidate. However, his election

Robert Fisk

The strife before the storm?

Everyone in Beirut had known it was coming. The newspapers had again been talking of civil war and it was an open secret that the largely Muslim population of west Beirut had recruited. An American diplomat observed cynically a few days ago that things could not be worse. "We went into Lebanon and tried to prop up Gemayel", he said. "And now... He placed his hand horizontally with his lower lip. "And now", he said, "we're in alligators up to here".

Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's Middle East envoy, may actually believe that his secret meetings in Paris with Druze and Shia Muslim representatives have helped to win time for President Gemayel. But the evidence in Beirut these past two months has contradicted this. American diplomats in Beirut and Damascus now recognize that Gemayel's attempts to win the allegiance of his people have failed. They have yet to convince the State Department of this, least of all Mr Reagan, who still regularly and blandly announces that the United States stands four-square behind Gemayel's government.

It went wrong from the start. Israel had decided that a friendly Phalangist administration in Lebanon was in its interest - and in Washington's. Basil Gemayel was duly elected, almost immediately assassinated and thus bequeathed the succession to his brother, Amin. Amin might just have performed a miracle, binding his broken country together with compassion and visible success. But, faced with the intransigence of the Syrians - the first nation to realize his weakness and Israel's desire for closer cooperation and friendship, he could neither break free from his Phalangist roots nor persuade his people to trust him.

While Chafiq Wazzan, Lebanon's Sunni Muslim prime minister, grew increasingly concerned at the alienation of both Sunni and Shia Muslims, Gemayel began to surround himself with old Phalangist comrades, with party apparatchiks who still believed that the old Lebanon of Christian Maronite ascendancy and feudal rule must be restored. Gemayel had thousands of American, French, Italian and British troops to not back into his regime. But his own power base contradicted this new-found prestige.

Italian troops guarding the Palestinian refugee camps, for example, were ordered to protect the civilians living there from any form of attack or harassment. Yet they found themselves powerless to prevent Zaki Boustani's Lebanese Democrite Bureau from raiding the camps, summarily arresting hundreds of people - often in the early hours of the morning - and taking them off to east Beirut for questioning. The Lebanese security head...

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During this period, Mr Demirel and Mr Ecevit, bitterly indifferent to the impending disaster, devoted their prodigious energies to vilifying each other. In other circumstances there could be no more justified employment of human energy. As it was, their actions served only to halt the workings of government, so leaving the Turkish people entirely at the mercy of terrorists and bandits.

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Roger Scruton

Turkey: a leader much maligned

A recent letter, addressed from a place of internment in Turkey, provoked the following remark in a Times leader: "It will now be difficult for the rest of the world to accept the government that emerges from the Turkish elections (if they are held) as genuinely representative of the Turkish people". It is, of course, always difficult to know when a government is "genuinely representative" of a people. Nevertheless, having just discussed the question of the elections with leaders of the main Turkish parties, I must protest, not only at the naivety of the editorial comment, carried by The Times, but also at the disingenuousness of the letter which prompted it.

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NIBBLING AT BENEFITS

The level of social security payments to the poor and unemployed cannot be considered a "principle" in and of itself. How could that be when any amount currently paid is a thick compound of adjustments for inflation over the years plus some real growth which only with difficulty can be linked to the objective measurements of subsistence made in the first days of National Assistance in the 1940s? Besides, Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) local offices provide an array of discretionary payments for rent and heating and travel. They complicate the picture and make most statements about "the dole" a highly simplified account of the position of the elderly and indigent who depend on state assistance.

These considerations apply to all classes of beneficiary but, as politicians of all parties have shown themselves aware, social security recipients differ in their public esteem. The elderly not only have votes and lobbyists but a range of formidable allies including several of the most venerable attractions of the upper house of Parliament. Children have no votes; they rely, shakily, on politicians' sense of family. When children become adolescent, their political interest declines further, until they become old enough to vote.

It is within this context that the DHSS is said to be studying a reduction in the benefits paid to young people both by adjusting the basic rate (currently £15.80 a week for 16-year-old living in the parental home) and cutting the

rental allowances payable both to 18-year-olds living at home and to all claimants living away from home. The motive for such a reduction is primarily to allow the DHSS to offer a meaty sacrifice on the altar of the Public Expenditure Survey Committee. This, from Whitehall's point of view, has the merit of being seen to hurt (the Treasury is never convinced unless there are screams) but also, more important for the long run, to establish the violability of basic social benefits and do it for a group over which the political screams will not be too loud.

There are broader reasons for reviewing the level of payments to young people. Mrs Thatcher has raised the issue of the existence of a growing "culture" of youth unemployment where reliance on public doles has become an acceptable if not especially comfortable way of life. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has toyed with the theory that social security, at least for young people, is above the market clearing rate for youth jobs and so should be cut. This is fine as a theory but is short of experimental evidence; and there are qualifications to be added.

Going to work imposes various "non-wage" costs on both employer and employee which nullify any straight comparison of dole and take-home pay. Ministers also seem reluctant to accept that the remuneration in the low-wage jobs they want young people to take (where such jobs exist) may actually be below the level of subsistence tolerable

in a civilized society. Making unemployed 18-year-olds hungry or depriving them of the cigarettes or occasional drink or whatever else the "excess" element in social security provides will not necessarily turn them into eager job-seekers and meek employees. On the contrary this could be a recipe for breakdown of social discipline.

Before the supplementary benefit paid to the young unemployed is singled out as an "easy" cut, the DHSS should be quite clear what it is doing. Many of these young unemployed live in households where social security is the staple income. Cutting benefits or rent allowances might not only hurt the poorest families but generate additional tensions between parents and their adolescent children.

The DHSS might think that, by simultaneously cutting contributions towards the rents of young people who have moved from the parental home, policy will keep families together. Such a result seems unlikely and moreover will act as a major check on the mobility of labour. That might be a realistic recognition of the convergence of regional unemployment rates but it flies in the face of ministerial rhetoric about people moving in search of jobs. To lock the young unemployed into low-income family settings could reinforce the very culture of dependency the Prime Minister is concerned about - and rightly, for it shades into one of poverty, criminality and informal tax-free employment.

IRELAND'S INTROSPECTIVE INTERLUDE

Irish voters can be pardoned perplexity in the face of a referendum to amend the constitution so as to preclude the possibility of legalized abortion. Induced abortion is already prohibited in the Republic by an Act of 1861, which also controlled the matter in Britain until the passage of Mr David Steel's Bill in 1967. The law in the Republic permits no exceptions, statutory or judge-made. Such lawful terminations of pregnancy as are performed on Irish women are performed over the water. Official English statistics for 1981 showed 3,600 abortions for women with Irish addresses. The figure is thought to underestimate the true position.

It is not clear why it should be necessary to embed in the constitution a state of affairs that already exists, especially as there has been no sign of any credible challenge to it. It is even less clear what practical effect, if any, the proposed change would have. The political parties are not campaigning, a mark of their embarrassment as well as the exhaustion of their funds. But there are plenty to take their place, lawyers, clergy, gynaecologists and obstetricians, replete with expert and contradictory advice. Underlying the argument is a virtual consensus that there should be no major relaxation of the present law. But there is sharp and socially divisive controversy about the advisability of this way of proceeding.

The campaign for entrenchment of the prohibition had its origin in American experience. Courts there had found reason in the constitution of the United States to set aside laws enforcing an unconditional bar to abortion. Ireland too has a written constitution which inscribes certain individual rights in the broadest terms. The Irish Supreme Court has shown some inclination to tread the constitutional path of its American cousin. It was by that route that the Republic's restrictive law on the sale of contraceptives came to be rewritten (after a fashion) by Mr Haughey when minister of health, offering "an Irish solution to an Irish problem".

There is also the European Court of Human Rights which, though it has no direct powers of enforcement, is happy to intervene in such matters, as evidenced by its censure of the Northern Ireland law relating to homosexual practices.

An organization was formed to block these possibilities, and it was enthused by the desire for a grand gesture to show that Ireland at least stood fast by the moral law when Italy itself had fallen to the abortionists and even Catholic Spain was at risk. Hence the amendment.

The campaign rapidly gathered momentum, discreetly as-

sisted by the priesthood. In the tight electoral situation in which they found themselves last year and the year before the leaders of the two main political parties pledged themselves to forward the aims of the campaign. For Dr FitzGerald this commitment, which he doubtless judged to be unavoidable, has been a sore embarrassment.

The hallmark of his first short period as prime minister was his "constitutional crusade" to purge the Irish constitution (de Valera's handiwork, 1937) of its confessional and blatantly irreligious elements. It was the dual purpose of making it more fit for the plural democracy Ireland now purports to be and making it more palatable to unionist opinion in the North. Dr FitzGerald sought thereby to further his long-term aim of promoting Irish unity by means of winning the trust and regard of Protestant fellow-Irishmen in Ulster.

That was Dr FitzGerald's first premiership. His second began with the necessity to discharge a commitment to move in the contrary direction in a spectacular fashion. He wriggled. His law officers told him that the form of words introduced in a Bill by Mr Haughey as his expiring action was incompetent for its purpose. Dr FitzGerald adopted that view and has spoken of "fatal defects" in the formula; on one interpretation it might be held to admit abortion at any stage of pregnancy prior to the stage at which the foetus becomes capable of being born; on another interpretation it might outlaw methods of contraception now in use and medical practice which at present protects the lives of pregnant women - termination of ectopic pregnancies and in cases of cancer of the womb; and it would preclude the legislature from correcting that consequence were it to occur.

Dr FitzGerald put forward another, less ringing, form of words, but he could not carry all his party with him and he lost it in the Dail by 22 votes. So he has the ignominy of presenting Mr Haughey's words to the electorate, and the paradox of performing of advising them to turn down what he presents.

One consequence already visible which many Irishmen regret is the emergence of a straight Catholic/Protestant split over an issue affecting the constitution. The Protestant churches have a common position. They neither seek nor approve an open abortion policy such as has become established in England. They differ from the prevalent Roman Catholic teaching in taking a somewhat less restrictive view of the circumstances in which termination of pregnancy may be permissible in the interests of the woman. They

resent the attempt to write into the constitution, a document common to all citizens, the moral position of one church however dominant its position. This is the first time in the history of the state that the Protestant churches have taken concerted action on a politicized issue. They have been rebuffed by the parliament and are likely to be by a majority in the referendum.

The professor of pastoral theology in Trinity College Dublin has said that most Protestants will feel somewhat alienated in the state if the amendment goes through. That may be pitching it a bit high. But the feeling of revisiting - an earlier, more clerical, phase of Irish independence is tangible, and for some oppressive.

It must be said however that the Irish Roman Catholic bishops have avoided the role that a straight reversion to the past would have given them. The occasional bishop has let fly by equating, say, a Yes vote with support "for the rights of God"; and some of the parochial clergy have sought to bind consciences from their pulpits (and seen a few of their parishioners walk out of the church in protest). But collectively the hierarchy has been neither voluble nor overbearing.

While proclaiming the moral law on behalf of their church and calling by implication for a decisive Yes, the bishops have gone out of their way to emphasize that they recognize the right of each person to vote according to conscience; and they have acknowledged that those who oppose the amendment are not necessarily in favour of relaxation of the law. The last point is a necessary correction of what the rougher campaigners are shouting. The bishops also have more to say than many about society's duty to alleviate the distress of women who may feel driven to seek abortion.

The bishops do not wish to be seen calling the tune or swinging their croziers. Nor are they, nor have they need to. Their conduct, the courteous though pained remonstrances of the Protestant church bodies, the absence from the fray of most of the more inflammatory politicians, and the low level of public engagement, may help to limit the ill effects on Irish political society of this introspective interlude. Moreover, the campaign is helping to establish the proposition that the relationship between the moral law as defined by the church and the civil law as enforced by the state is not one of necessary identity. The passage of this amendment would not foreclose the outcome of the next round, which is likely to be about divorce.

Getting it down on paper

From Mr Brian Clouston

Sir, This country imports over 90 per cent of its forest products, much of it in the form of paper and pulp for papermaking at the huge annual cost of £2.5bn. Current world production indicates that available timber will become scarce by the turn of the century with major suppliers, such as the United States, ceasing export of forest products altogether.

In Scandinavia plans now in hand will turn large tracts of forest land over to the production of biomass to meet energy needs. Russia has reacted to market forces already by doubling the price of exported timber.

It is not time for Government to take a serious look at three related aspects of our nation's timber and paper industries:

First, in the knowledge that timber for papermaking will be extremely scarce by the end of this century, to look again at planting the millions of wasted acres in upland Britain, and perhaps also at an urban forestry programme. We now export pulpwood to Scandinavia so there can't be much wrong with the product we grow.

Secondly, to increase efforts in recycling waste paper. Britain currently leads Europe in this field, but more salvage could be achieved and more recycling plants built.

Thirdly, by examining the use of straw cellulose in papermaking. Denmark produced quality paper from straw. The technology is available, so is the straw, in vast quantities.

By reinvesting money, gained from the sale of state-owned assets, in the nation's timber, paper and salvage industries massive savings could be achieved in imports and many thousands of permanent jobs created.

There was something of this philosophy in Roosevelt's "New Deal" when the Conservation Corps planted hundreds of thousands of acres of trees on America's wasted acres, engaging the services of three-quarters of a million unemployed. Mrs Thatcher's Government should now consider a similar programme of investment in the creation of a renewable resource for Britain.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN CLOUSTON,
Immediate Past President,
The Landscape Institute,
12 Carlton House Terrace, SW1,
August 22.

Spirit of Helsinki

From Lord Beswick

Sir, Admittedly I judge from television pictures and press reporting, but am I entirely wrong in thinking that there was something significantly good about that gathering at Helsinki - the extra appreciation of spectators and the effort of the competitors from over 100 different countries.

Could it not be rewarding to have a study in some depth of the features of that international event? For example, the communist successes seem to result from a quite deliberate policy of directing human effort into athletic experience. Is that policy to be reconciled with the evil nature which Western propaganda would have us believe is inherent in the communist system?

Then it would also seem that the USA successes were disproportionately gained by their coloured citizens. Is this entirely due to some superior physical attribute of the Negro or are the white majority, in the main, motivated by different factors?

Also, despite some bumping and spiking, I for one got the impression of really heart-warming honest effort and sportsmanship which contrasted sharply with the squallid bad temper which one can see among some of the actual or aspiring millionaires at Wimbledon.

In Britain, one day, when we have given up the idea of finding social salvation by cutting the PSBR and furthering privatization, we shall want to concentrate more on improving the quality of life. The study I suggest of that experience in Helsinki might well yield useful clues.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK BESWICK,
House of Lords,
August 16.

Religion and ratings

From Mr Paul Neuburg

Sir, On the question of the ratings problems of ITV's religious programmes, Mr Angus Wright, Head of Religious Programmes at Television South, writes (August 22): "No doubt the apparent progressive rundown in resources and production values of the principal occupants of the 6 pm Sunday slot have contributed to the negative ratings situation there."

As editor of *Credo*, the principal occupant of ITV's Sunday 6 pm slot (till now), I would like to assure Mr Wright that there has been no progressive rundown of resources available to the programme, whether or not the change from documentary to analytical-type programmes is a running down of production values is a matter of opinion. A wide range of people, from our religious advisers to the overwhelming majority of viewers who write in, do not appear to think so.

Its effect on the size of the viewership can, however, be assessed from the ratings. These show that in the past programme year, during which *Credo* has had its new format, it has done every bit as well in the face of competition as have religious programmes that have carried on in the documentary style.

Last autumn, when *Credo* was

Film makers appeal for support

From Mr Lindsay Anderson and others

Sir, We write to you as British film makers, members of Britain's film industry, of widely differing ambitions, qualities and achievements. One conviction, however, we all share. We all believe passionately and urgently in the importance of film production, both as a national economic asset and as a manifestation of our country's cultural and imaginative health.

It is habitual to accuse artists of impracticality and self-indulgence. These are precisely the charges we level against governments and other political organisations which have failed - and which continue to fail - so significantly to tackle the problems of British film production and to support British film makers.

This Government, priding itself on its economic realism and hardness of head, has publicly expressed its belief in the continued existence of a British film industry.

Some encouragement has been offered in terms of tax incentive. There is something to be said for this concept of capital allowance; but as anyone connected with the film industry knows - and particularly the lawyers who grow fat on the rich compost of documentation - profits from films subsidised in this way end up either in offshore tax havens or in the United States. Assistance of this kind provides no real philosophy, no structure which can assure the all-important continuity of product which alone will ensure the survival of British film making.

There are some remedial steps which only inertia can delay.

The Eady Levy should immediately be extended to all sources of film exhibition. We live in the video age now. More people are seeing and enjoying and being affected by films than ever before. Yet only 3 per cent of the films viewed in this country are now being seen in cinemas. Is it not ludicrous that only cinemas should contribute to the Eady Fund? The levy should be extended immediately to manufacturers and distributors of blank video tape, as is being done elsewhere with considerable success.

Much more fundamental, and much more important, is the function of the National Film Finance Corporation, its survival and its necessity for continuing British film industry. Our European competitors and (sometimes) friends have long recognized that some organization of this kind is essential if their film makers are to survive. And survive not merely domestic economic hazards, but the ever-increasing economic power (based

on its vast home market) of the American film and television industry.

France is investing nearly £70m in support of the production, distribution and exhibition of French films: as a result its cinemas are prospering. Direct and indirect Government support in Germany amounts to over £40m. Sweden manages £3m. Yet the British Government allows (and for how much longer?) our National Film Finance Corporation £1.5m annually. And the Eady Fund continues to shrink.

The media are happy to celebrate British film-making successes over the last few years, and with justification - *Chariots of Fire*, *Gregory's Girl* and *Gandhi* are notable instances. The two latter films owed their very existence to the British and Indian National Film Finance Corporations respectively.

But these isolated victories do not make an industry. To continue to contribute and to compete internationally, the British film industry must have a firmly established, nationally funded National Film Finance Corporation. We must have a reconstituted Eady Fund. Only continuity of production can guarantee continuity of achievement.

British film makers are not lame dogs. They represent an asset of proven talent, vitality and profitability - which it is folly to sell off to America at bargain prices. In terms of national pride and prestige, as well as significance to the entire British people, films are certainly as important as theatre.

Over the past years, we have had a plethora of reports from various sources. We now have a Prime Minister who is not ashamed to talk of national pride. We have a new minister responsible for films, who is undertaking yet another review. He is fortunate in his opportunity. We urge our ministers to act now, with decision.

Yours faithfully,
LINDSAY ANDERSON,
PETER NICHOLS,
ALAN BATES,
ALAN BLEASDALE,
MICHAEL BLOOM,
MICHAEL PALIN,
ALAN PARKER,
CLIVE PARSONS,
SIMON PERRY,
HAROLD PETER,
OTTO PLECHSCHKE,
MICHAEL RADFORD,
ALVIN KRAKOFF,
KAREL REZ,
SIMON RELPH,
NICOLAS ROEG,
LILLIE RUSSELL,
OWEN SCROEDER,
RIDLEY SCOTT,
JEREMY THOMAS,
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Paramount House,
162-170 Wardour Street, W1.

Affronted by the golden handshake

From Mr James Macfarlane

Sir, Golden handshakes affront not only the institutions and smaller shareholders. They also offend those many whose careers have been damaged and finances permanently worsened by redundancy, occasioned not by their incompetence but often by the mistakes of the very management which votes itself the contracts which produce these handshakes.

It is not simply a question of equity, of a more equal bearing of the burden of industrial decline or necessary restructuring. You ask for a balance to be drawn between the discipline to perform and financial protection for those taking the career risk of a difficult job.

Such risks are not only borne by those in major boardrooms. Indeed, the greatest career risks are asked of men and women in their thirties and early forties moving into positions of real decision and exposure just below that level.

They are the ones with, comparatively, the greater personal commitments and for whom failure can be a catastrophe and not just a blow to their pride. They are the ones who need some financial protection if they are to consider the career risk sensible. Increasingly they do not find it so.

A fundamental motor of capitalism is reward for success and penalty for failure. Where we have a system which allows a few to gain great rewards for success but almost totally protect themselves from failure, while imposing the opposite on others, we should not be surprised if the motor is running down.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES MACFARLANE,
Managing Director,
C & K Executive Search Limited,
1 New Bond Street, W1
August 24.

Cost of motorways

From the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers

Sir, While recognising the importance of the environment to the lifestyle of the whole community, it is important to reply to Mr Harrison's article on motorways in the *Times* of August 17. Has he forgotten how unbearable and unsafe were conditions on many of our roads before we started building our minimal motorway system?

Of course we need efficient public transport, and of course we should use the railways as much as is viable, or even perhaps as good as possible, but the need for good roads remains.

One can support his plea for us to adopt a sustainable lifestyle, but with over 50 million of us in these islands our system sustainable without motorways requires, as in the past, cheap coal, cheap railways, the immobility of most of the population in cities or on farms, and the absence of competition overseas.

None of these factors now apply. His proposition is therefore unsustainable and insupportable. In any event, the major problem of transportation in our society lies within urban areas, as explained on the back page of *The Times* of the same date.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN W. BARTLETT, President,
The Institution of Civil Engineers,
Great George Street, SW1.

Intimations of mortality

From The Reverend G. A. W. Gold

Sir, On one occasion it was my job to bring up to date a list of retired clergy available to officiate in case of need. I wrote to all those whose names were on the old list, enclosing a stamped and addressed postcard to improve the chances of a reply.

My carefully worded letter enquired if the clergyman was "still living at the same address". One reply consisted of the one word "just". Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR GOLD,
Bridge House,
Great Bealings,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

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From Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, In a few weeks' time my wife and I will have been married for 33 and a third years. Marriages that last for a quarter of a century are marked by silver wedding anniversaries, and marriages that last for half a century are, of course, golden. On making inquiries at a number of shops I find that a third of a century is not marked by any particular precious metal or mineral or gem.

If it were thought to be appropriate to have a special symbol for a third of a century (perhaps jade?), who should choose the appropriate metal or mineral or gem? The London Chamber of Commerce? The Retail Consortium? The World Council of Churches? Harrods? Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons,
August 23.

Paid jobs for all

From Mr James Ottaway

Sir, It must be over sixty years ago, now, that Bernard Shaw said: "In fifty years time no one will need to work more than three days a week." This, by its very wording, was not a threat but a promise. The old sage presumably assumed that we would have seen the situation coming and would have made some adjustments, both in education and in organisation, to meet it.

A few years later René Clair made one of his brilliant comedy films, *Nous la Liberté*, the theme of which was the liberation of the workers by automation. Was it satirical?

I well remember the closing sequences, in which the factory machinery happily went on making gramophones while the workers - still, one presumed, being paid since the wealth was being created - went fishing in the canal whilst the younger ones danced innocently with their girl friends to the music of one of those "Souls les Touts de Paris" accordions.

How different is the sad reality! It should not continue so.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES OTTAWAY,
25 Carroll House,
Craven Terrace, W2,
August 15.

Britain's Nato role

From Dr Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, Your editorial (August 17) contends that Britain's role in Nato should move away from a commitment to a Continental strategy and be concentrated in the maritime area. This would then substantially leave our Continental allies, notably West Germany, with the land defence of the central front of Nato with BAOR acting as a tactical reserve for the whole of Northern Army Group.

Such a move, you further contend, would not really undermine the operational logic of the strategy of forward defence in West Germany which is in any event inspired by political and not military considerations. Quite so. But the forward strategy is also related to the concept of the pause which is a political requirement in crisis management which might allow a war in Europe to be quickly liquidated as the unacceptable costs of its continuance mounts.

This is the deterrent aspect of Nato's war-fighting capability which lies at the heart of the strategy of the flexible response. To redefine this posture by thrusting the burden of maintaining it on West Germany in pursuit of defence economies must therefore be justified in strategic terms.

However, you offer no real strategic rationale for your proposed repudiation of Britain's current role in Nato, except the vague reference to the Falklands crisis as an "unpredictable event" arising outside the Nato area. But surely your basic proposition is flawed because there can be no formal agreement that the non-Continental powers should specialise in naval and air forces, while the Continental ones concentrate on soldiers and inter-

Exchanges at the top

From Mr F. S. Law

Sir, Wayne Lintott's article on "How the other half does business" (*Business News*, August 1) highlights a very important development in the relationship between government and industry in this country.

You had the courtesy to publish a letter I wrote, three years ago, in which I strongly recommended that we should follow the French example of allowing a much greater interchange between senior civil servants and top senior personnel in industry.

Mr Michael Edwardes, with experience and judgment in these matters one must value and respect, put into practice what many French industrialists have done with success over the years by picking a first-rate civil servant and taking him into industry.

Mr Hodgson's appointment to the Department of Industry's Project and Export Policy Division hopefully is a forerunner of many other similar appointments.

As to the thorny problems of government intervention into industry's efforts abroad, I firmly believe that there is no question of having to "intervene" over this. The word "intervene" often conjures up "government interference". Quite wrongly so. Government can be most helpful to industry by intervening and assisting in obtaining major turn key projects, and again French industry is a good example, having had the benefit of government intervention over years and achieving success in many areas.

A working committee to eliminate obstacles would probably be a very significant and helpful step.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK S. LAW,
61 Cadogan Square, SW1.

playing against the news (a major audience puller) and a popular film on BBC 1, it held to an average of about half the audience it inherited from the programme preceding it in the ITV schedule. In the winter, when *Credo*'s place was taken by Central's documentary-type religious programme, *Encounter*, playing against the news and the *Holiday* programme on BBC1, *Encounter*, too, held on to an average of about half the audience it inherited.

The problem for ITV religious broadcasters lies in the demise of the back-to-back arrangement for religious programmes between ITV and the BBC and not in new approaches alienating viewers.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL NEUBURG, Editor, *Credo*,
London Weekend Television,
Kent House,
Upper Ground, SE1.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 29: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Gala Performance of the National Dance Company of Korea at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival by the Director of Recreation and the Arts, Greater London Council (the Lord Birkett) and the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (His Excellency Dr Young Hoon Kang).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, president of the International Council of United World Colleges, will attend the chairman's dinner at the Stafford Hotel on November 3.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend the 10th anniversary dinner of the Independent Broadcasting Authority at Mansion House on November 9.

Princess Anne will attend the White Ensign Association's dinner on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary at Guildhall on October 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain N. A. C. Baverstock and Miss A. M. Scott

The engagement is announced between Neil Baverstock, The Royal Green Jackets, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Baverstock, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Alison Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Scott, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr W. A. Ramsay and Miss M. L. Horowitz
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Ramsay, of Kensington, and Marina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. M. Horowitz, of Bromley, Kent.

University news

£32,046 grant for Russian archive

The Leverhulme Trust has awarded the university a grant of £32,046 to finance a project by the Leeds Russian Archive. The grant will enable the archive, Mr Richard Davies, to prepare for publication a catalogue and selected edition of the twin collections of Professor George V. Lomonossov and Raisa N. Lomonossova, his wife.

Professor Lomonossov, who died in 1952, was one of Russia's leading railway engineers and administrators, and kept extensive diaries and photographic records of his work.

Horsted Place time-share plans submitted

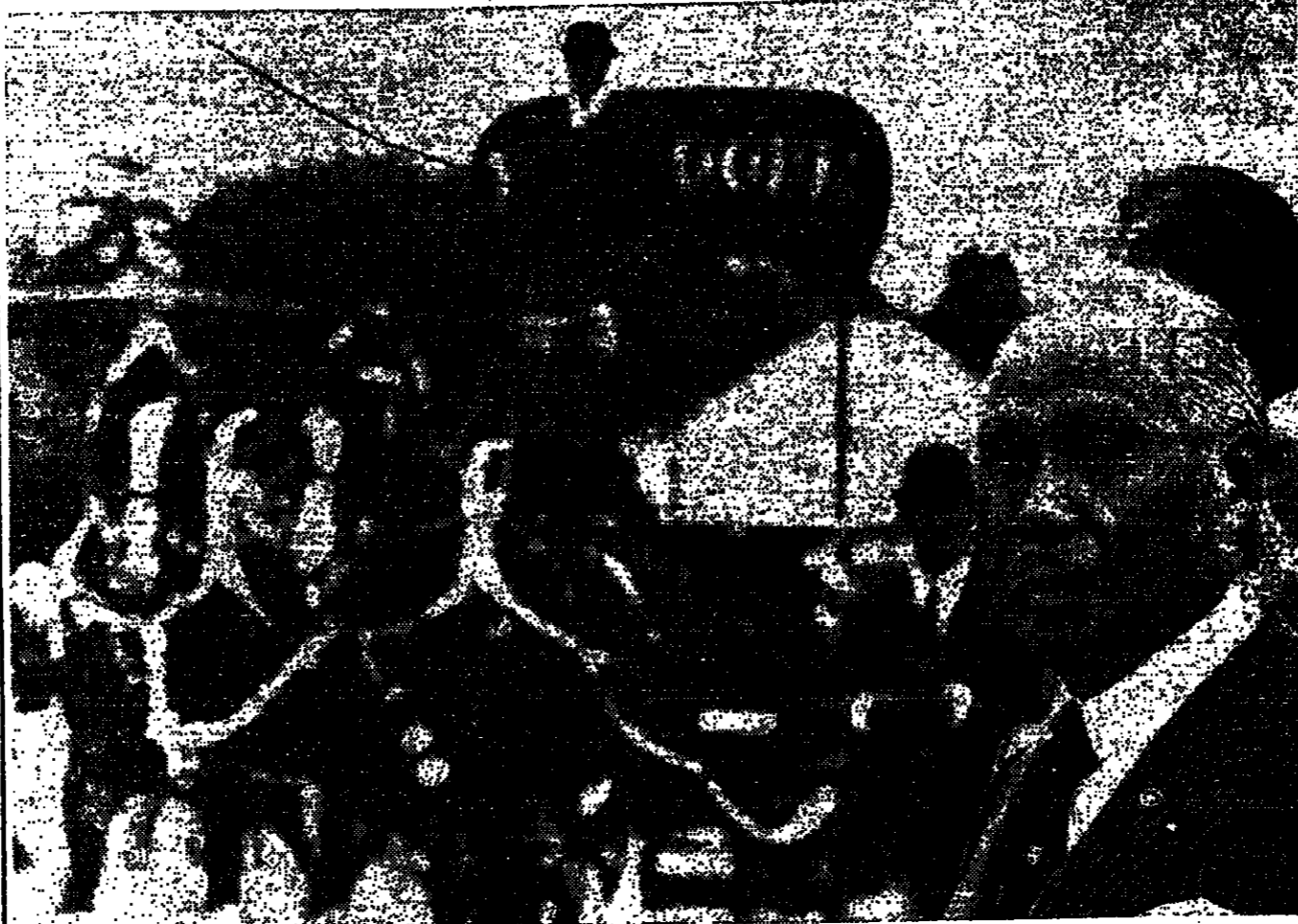
Plans to turn Horsted Place, near Uckfield, East Sussex, into time-sharing suites have been submitted to Wealden Council, the area planning authority. It was the home of the late Lord Rupert Nevill.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family, were often guests of Lord Rupert during the 20 years that he owned the house, which was built in 1850 in the Tudor-Gothic style.

Southern Resort Developments, of north London, the prospective purchaser of the 98-acre estate, wants to divide it into 12 suites with shared dining room and staff accommodation.

Double success for Burn

The London County Bridge Congress ended on Sunday night at the Royal Lancaster Hotel with six rounds of eight board matches in the championship teams. D. A. L. Burn scored a fine double when adding a victory to his earlier win in the championship pairs.



Cultural exchange: The president of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly, Mr Motoji Sugawara, who was among those at the GLC Greater London Horse Show on Clapham Common yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Talks tackle 'justification by faith'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

New talks start in Venice today between official representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, with two of the most controversial issues between the churches high on the agenda. The Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission will launch the second stage of theological negotiations with a study of justification by faith, and of the barriers to Roman Catholic recognition of Anglican holy orders.

In advance of the Venice meeting, leading members of the commission have expressed confidence that the different understandings of the theology of justification can be brought together into one statement, though in some quarters in the Church of England there is considerable scepticism. The Roman Catholic Church's refusal to recognize Anglican orders was based on the two churches' apparently incompatible doctrines of the priestly ministry and of the eucharist.

Science report

Overdoses of vitamins leave patients disabled

The harm that can come from the fashionable fringe medicine of megavitamin therapy is disclosed in a medical report from four leading hospitals in the United States.

It describes patients aged from 20 to 43, who had become severely disabled. They could not coordinate their movements and suffered disruption in sensation. The individuals had been taking high-level doses of pyridoxine tablets, or vitamin B6. Under normal circumstances, adults need about four milligrammes of B6 in their diet daily. But tablets with high concentrations were taken giving daily doses from 2,000 milligrammes to 6,000 milligrammes for some months.

Most of the individuals were on a self-imposed diet advocated by health magazines as part of a fitness course, or to help relieve pre-menstrual tension. In two cases, a gynaecologist recommended the high level in an attempt to reduce retention of body fluids.

Several months are needed to restore the patients to their normal gait and feelings of sensation. The report of these cases is from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York; the Mayo Clinic, Minnesota; the Evanston Hospital and Northwestern University, Illinois; and the University Hospital of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

It is contained in a current issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, where the doctors describe the disorder as "a new megavitamin syndrome". They conclude as a matter of urgency "that safe guidelines should be established for the use of this widely abused vitamin". Their experience also sounds a cautionary note for the general use of megavitamin therapy that

Archaeology

Divers find treasures in wreck

Painted mugs and jars, musical instruments, bronze and lead ingots and arrowheads from the sixth and seventh centuries BC are being raised from the Mediterranean by a team of British divers and archaeologists.

The treasures come from an Etruscan wreck near the island of Giglio, off the coast of Tuscany, and constitute one of the most important underwater archaeological finds of recent years.

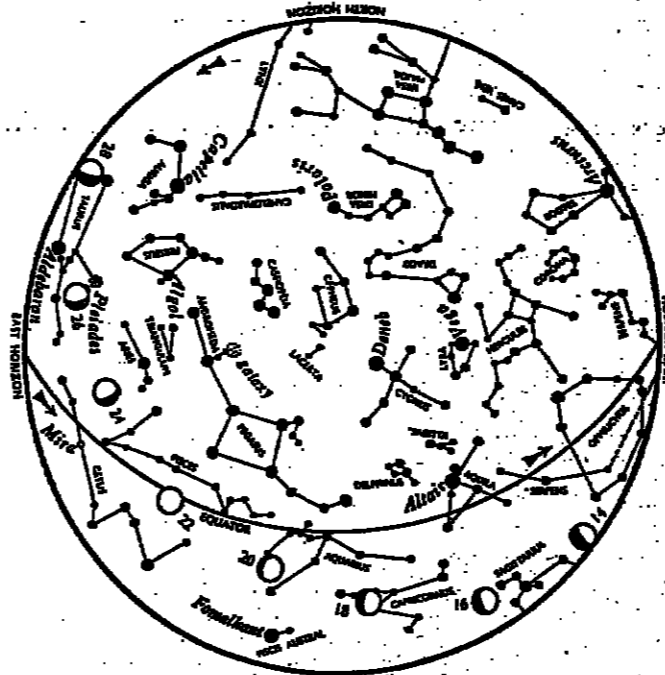
Mr Alexander McKee, aged 65, the historian who discovered the Mary Rose, Henry VIII's flagship, which was raised from the seabed off Southsea last year, is the man behind the Etruscan venture.

Recently returned from Italy, he told The Times he had taken him 18 years since he first saw the wreck to organize the right team to undertake a particularly dangerous dive.

The 19-strong team is camped by the side of a football pitch, with no telephone, and the nearest decompression chamber in Rome, 100 miles away. The expedition is supervised by the Italian Government and the treasures will go to a Florence museum.

The sky at night in September

By Our Astronomy Correspondent



Mercury will be at inferior conjunction on the 15th and will not be observable this month. Venus has now become a morning star rising more than an hour before the Sun. As at this time of the morning ecliptic is steeply inclined to the horizon, this hour or more means an altitude of between 15 and 20 degrees at sunrise.

Bahrain non-stop from Heathrow daily at 10.00. Gulf Air 21 TriStar flights a week. The warmest possible welcome, complimentary refreshments and entertainments, choice of International and Middle Eastern cuisine, honoured by La Chaine des Rôtisseurs. There's no better businessman's choice to the Gulf.

Glasgow first class honours

The following have been awarded first class honours degrees at Glasgow University. County of Argyll: James D. O'Brien, John Nelson; County of Aberdeen: Robert H. G. French, Aberdeen; County of Angus: Robert A. P. Reid, Dundee; County of Argyll: James D. O'Brien, John Nelson; County of Argyll: James D. O'Brien, John Nelson; County of Argyll: James D. O'Brien, John Nelson.

OBITUARY ELISAVETA FEN Innovation in psychology

A friend writes: May I add a few words on other aspects of Lydia Jackson's (Elisaveta Fen's) life (your notice August 1972)? Not many people manage to combine in their lives so thoroughly two spheres of activity - writing and psychology - as she did.

But a catalogue of work and words gives no idea of Lydia as a person. Her strength of purpose carried her through times of great deprivation, frustration and unhappiness, enabling her to build new lives, cross Corsican mountains, keep going when her body threatened to let her down.

Church news

The Rev A. E. Archer, formerly vicar of Westbury, has been elected to the vacant living of Westbury, Wiltshire. The Rev J. B. Fisher, formerly vicar of Westbury, has been elected to the vacant living of Westbury, Wiltshire.

SIR NIKOLAUS PEVSNER

When Sir Nikolaus Pevsner was first produced in November, 1939, at a shining each, they contained pictures beautifully printed and reproduced under the supervision of Mr R. B. Fishenden, the authority on colour printing. Pevsner became editor after the first one, Elizabeth Senior, had been killed in an air raid in 1941.

Dr James Philip, CBE, who died on August 24 at the age of 80, was director of the National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, from 1948 to 1967, and previously been director of research of the South African Wattle Growers Union in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, from 1944 to 1947.

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Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 722.1 FT Gilt 79.80 FT All Share 457.30... Paris: CAC Index 136.7 Zurich: SKA General Index 284

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5015 down 60pts... NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4960

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interim: Dufay Bitumenic, Leopold Joseph... TOMORROW - Interim: Arbuthnot Government Securities Trust

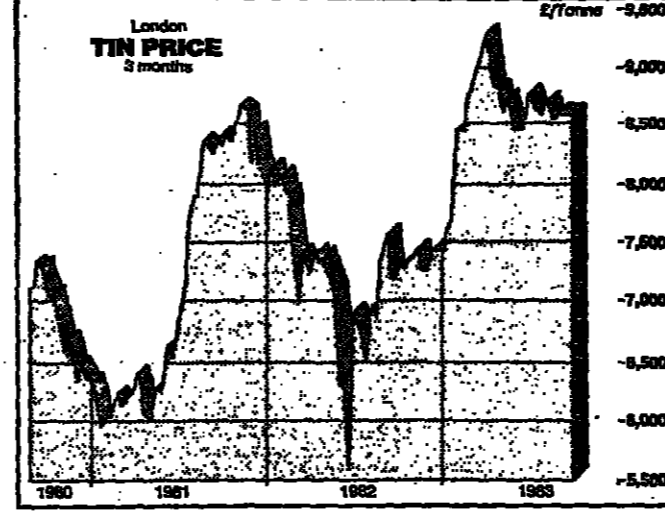
ANNUAL MEETINGS

TODAY - GB Papers, Jubilee Hall... TOMORROW - Cluff Oil, 58 St James's Street, SW1

Bankers concerned at soaring external debt Malaysia starts buying tin again in attempt to support price

By M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur, and Michael Prest

Malaysia, whose attempt to corner the tin market collapsed last year, has launched a plan to support the metal price by buying 1,000 tonnes a month. Authoritative sources in Kuala Lumpur say that it is being orchestrated by a businessman close to Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister.



International Monetary Fund's Compensatory Financing Facility, which assists countries whose export earnings are reduced by lower raw material prices.

City Editor's Comment Time to analyse analysts better

Few professions have their performance so closely and publicly scrutinized as those of the stockbroker's analysts. The work of these backroom boys, sometimes coupled with the soothing words of an experienced salesman, generates large commission for some firms.

Pace of OTC boom quickens

By Derek Pala Fringe share markets are booming. The shares of 55 companies are traded on the 10 or more over-the-counter markets which thrive under the nose, but not control, of the Stock Exchange.

UK plant too risky, say Nissan unions

By Edward Townsend Nissan's £500m plan to build a car manufacturing plant in Britain, on which a final decision is expected in the autumn, has been dealt a severe blow by renewed and vociferous opposition from Japan's car workers' unions.

FMC faces bacon price war

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor The threatened partial break-up of a key Danish bacon-exporting association could bring fresh problems for FMC.

Sassoon will appeal over loss of licence

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent David Sassoon & Co, a licensed deposit-taker, is appealing against a decision by the Bank of England to take away its licence.

WALL STREET Shares trim sharp early losses

New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Shares trimmed their initial sharp losses on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

Kalon joins nine-nation group

By Our Commercial Editor The Yorkshire-based Kalon, the recent group of which has made it Britain's third largest supplier of decorative paints, is joining a nine-nation group to pool technology and marketing resources to combat the big paintmakers.

Finance Ministry digs in against further IMF loans Conflict in Venezuela over debts

Venezuela's pressing financial problems have led to a public debate between the country's finance ministry and its central bank. Senator Arturo Sosa, the finance minister, said last week that Venezuela has postponed agreement on the rescheduling of its debts with the International Monetary Fund until next year.

Senator Sosa said earlier that he would not allow the bolivar's exchange rate to be fixed by market forces. He believed the rate of exchange should be 1 bolivar to 56 rather than the floating rate of 113.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION To the Holders of W. R. Grace Overseas Development Corporation 5% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1986

Table with columns for Debenture serial numbers (1001-1500) and their corresponding amounts.

Unlisted Securities Market review

Hawley plans merchandising deals with Miss World

Mr Michael Ashcroft, chairman of Hawley Group has grabbed most of the recent headlines on the USM market. Last week, three companies in which he has an interest reported results. Then to include the week he announced that he has joined the board of the Miss World Group, where he holds a 22 per cent stake.

Elsewhere, Immediate Business Systems, the computer group which makes direct billing computers for the gas, electricity and water industries, reported losses of £1.59m, against a forecast loss of £1.65m in the year to March 31.

Unlisted Securities

Table with multiple columns listing various unlisted securities, including company names, prices, and market movements.

WALL STREET

Table listing Wall Street market data, including various stock prices and market indicators.

Eurobonds prices

Table showing Eurobonds prices for various countries and maturities.

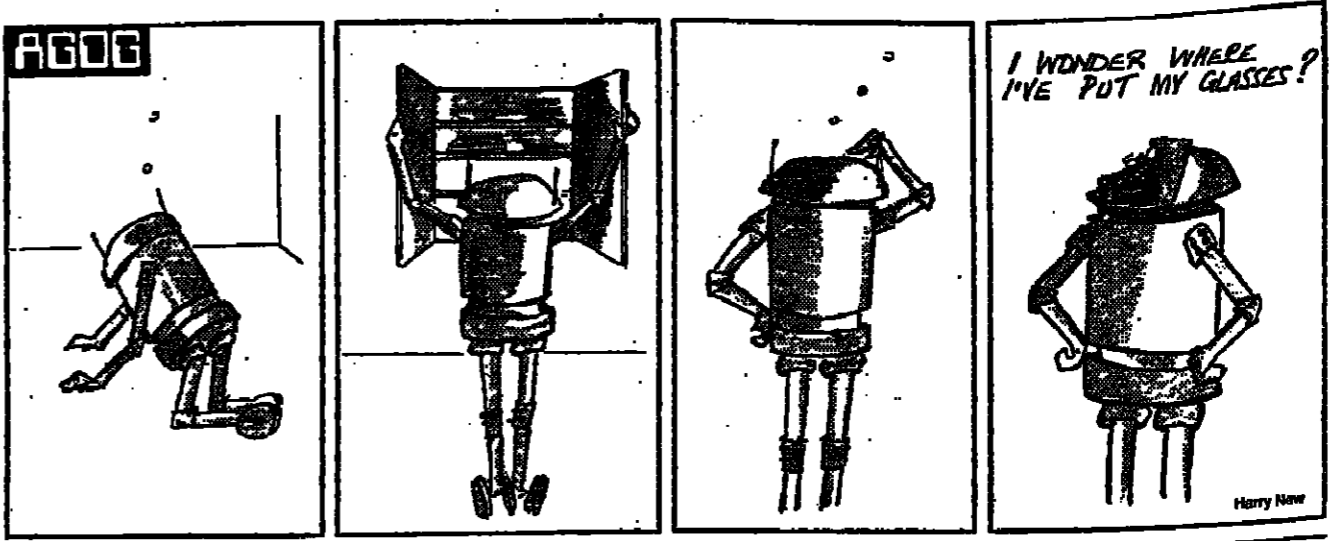
Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and financial institutions.

American notebook

Policy switch that slowed growth

The financial markets and the mass of American economists have failed to observe a most important change in money growth: there has been precious little of it since the first week of June.



Electronic cameras: the photo firms fight back

On the day that Sony announced the Mavica, a bookless electronic camera, the shares of the Japanese photographic giants plummeted on the Tokyo stock exchange.

Getting the words right

Since the start of the computer industry in the late 1940s, experienced programmers have faced the problem of what to do if they don't want to go into management.

Computer Appointments

Advertisement for MICRO COMPUTER SALES, featuring a small image of a person and text describing computer services.

New equipment coming soon

Advertisement for PLATO, 'The world's most advanced teaching systems', featuring an image of a person's face and the logo for CONTROL DATA.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

Reporting to the chairman you will be responsible for the overall management and direction of the company.

GENERAL MANAGER

Reporting to the Managing Director you will be responsible for the day to day management of the computer retail centre.

No defined vocabulary

When reading manuals provided with computer systems, especially the ones that come with personal computers, the problems of technical authorship immediately become apparent.

UK Events

- Computer Open Day, Dragonara Hotel, Leeds, September 1.
Hampshire Computer Fair, Southampton Guildhall, September 8-9.
Video, Audio and Computer Show, Bradford Exposition Centre, September 16-18.

The Times Computer Competition

See next week's Computer Horizons for details of the first of 12 weekly Times computer competitions for readers up to 18 years old

No breakdowns — it's British

THE WEEK

Roger Woolnough

With more than £250,000 of additional finance which it has just received, a small British company is stepping up its plans to become a leading supplier of distributed industrial microcomputer systems. Already the company, Beale Electronic Systems Ltd (BES), has an impressive list of clients for which it has undertaken work in instrumentation and engineering software.

But what sets BES apart from similar industrial consultancies is its development of a high-integrity local network. At a conservative estimate, says 28-year-old managing director Nicholas Beale, the market for systems connected by networks of this type will exceed £250m a year by 1986.

Earlier this year, BES signed a deal with Scicon International, the computer activity of British Petroleum, to collaborate on the development and eventual marketing of the Beale network, which is called HILAN. This system no doubt also helped persuade the new investors, who include Thames Valley Ventures, owned by the British Railways Pension Funds, and investors in industry, owned by the Bank of England and the clearing banks.

Local area networks (LANs) are one of the most active areas of development in computing. Dozens of companies have launched proprietary cable systems which can be used to link together such equipment as microcomputers and word processors, so that they can communicate with each other. But most of these LANs — including the widely supported Ethernet from Xerox Corporation — were designed for use in office environments can cause problems.

In industry, cables are far more likely to suffer breakages, and the consequent

"downtime" may be more serious than it would be in the office. Even if cables remain intact, electrical noise from industrial machinery can interfere with the data sent over a normal system.

High-integrity systems are designed to overcome problems like these. Beale's HILAN is based on fibre optics. Instead of electrical signals being sent along copper wires, coded pulses of light travel down hair-thin strands of glass. Optical fibre communication is not susceptible to electrical interference, and offers several other advantages.

"One of the most obvious differences compared with most local area networks is that HILAN is inherently self-healing," says Nick Beale. This means that the system will keep working, even if there is a break in the cable or a failure at either end.

HILAN also operates at high speed. According to the specification, this is 10 megabits per second (a megabit is one million bits of information), but Beale says that technically the speed limitation goes up to hundreds of megabits a second.

"We can guarantee very fast access times," he adds. "Critical alarm messages can get through in milliseconds, and that's very important if you are thinking about nuclear reactors."

Other companies are working on high-integrity networks, and some LAN developers have also adopted fibre optics, but the approach taken by BES has attracted interest from several industrial giants. On a recent trip to the US, Nick Beale found top executives of leading industrial companies hastily rearranging their schedules in order to see him. "One even laid out the company

helicopter for me from the airport," he recalls.

Apart from its technical attractions, Beale's approach to the marketing of HILAN is also being well received. Unlike some LAN companies, Beale plans to licence HILAN to other manufacturers, so that customers will have a number of sources of supply. He hopes that licences will be taken up by about half-a-dozen major companies spread through the leading industries.

Another key element in HILAN's success could be its compatibility with Ethernet, even though it works in a totally different way. An Ethernet user would be able to switch to HILAN with no software changes at all. "We are essentially piggy-backing on the enormous software investment in Ethernet," says Beale. "It's conceivable that we will be able to offer a network which is part Ethernet and part HILAN."

Despite the support of Scicon, the enthusiasm among other big companies, and his confidence in the technical merits of HILAN, Nick Beale is being fairly modest in projections for his company's future turnover. He expects it to be approaching £2m in 1985. He expects it to be approaching £3m in 1986. Even so, he sees Beale Electronic Systems as being a major player in this new industrial market.

"I have no doubt there will be competitors," he says. "I have no doubt our network will be technically superior, and I believe our marketing strategy will be superior, too."

This is because most competitors are likely to be big companies, which will not be so ready to licence other big firms, and therefore give their systems a wide spread of availability. "The critical success factor," Beale believes, "will be getting substantial take-up of the system by major companies."



Roger Franklin: the computer is a bonus

Forging a success story

by Anthony Kenyon

Britain's last industrial revolution saw cottage industries transformed by technological innovation into small economic empires.

Now, nestled in the Kenish Weald, is a high-tech cottage industry for the 1980s. Chelsea Forge Limited designs, manufactures and installs architectural metalwork. It produces the ballustrades, ornamental staircases and front entrance screens that save office blocks from sliding towards the drab and unstimulating. While using traditional materials for traditional purposes, it has adopted as much advanced technology as possible to improve productivity.

Chelsea Forge gives the impression of a business in a hurry, yet it works comfortably within a capacity that has been greatly expanded by investing in modern plant and the careful application of new information technology. The result has been a 100 per cent increase in turnover last year, and the signs suggest that spectacular growth will continue.

At the financial core of this 20-year-old success story is one man and his machine. The accounting department consists of one man, the financial director, Roger Franklin, at the controls of an ACT Sirius 1 microcomputer. He explains: "I'm able to do as much or more with the computer as already been received from 'blue-chip' companies, county councils and colleges.

lations to be done and arrange the format of the printed report." The package came to Mr Franklin "as a bonus" and has proved invaluable.

Already working is a custom-built contract cost ledger which monitors how efficiently particular contracts are being met. The feedback on costs is now more precise so that estimates for future contracts are increasingly accurate.

The management of Chelsea Forge has been impressed by the flexibility of the computer system. Hardly a day goes by without a new application suggesting itself. Mr Franklin is now using Informer to develop a program for production control, an area where considerable savings are possible.

"It will mean we can maximize our resources, both material and labour. For instance, getting the computer to calculate the cutting lengths of an aluminium tube can halve the waste and save 2 per cent on the contract value."

Eventually, he sees a network of four or five Sirius machines. But he adds: "The aspect of security has to be thought through. It's all too easy, whether by accident or through malice, to lose large chunks of stored data. But ideally everyone should have immediate access to their particular corner of the business."

The way to measure efficiency

This has left Mr. Franklin more time to construct the regular reports that measure efficiency in specific areas of the company's operation. His main tool has been Informer — a database and report generator developed by ACT. "It is in essence a do-it-yourself package that allows me to generate my own programs. Information stored in the computers memory can be analysed along predetermined lines. I simply select the data to be used, design the sequences of calcu-

Phone in, the boss will be there

by Maggie McLening

Telephoning contacts who are always "in a meeting" could become less frustrating with the introduction of an unusual electronic mail service from P & P Marketing. Users of the BCD Telemail system do not need a computer to create, send or receive messages: this is all done through the telephone unit.

Scarcely larger than British Telecom's increasingly popular Herald Call Connect system, the BCD Telemail terminal is a combined telephone, modem and printer with a touch-sensitive keyboard for preparing and editing text. Unlike the computer equivalent, it plugs straight into the normal power supply and a

telephone jack point, and is fully portable.

P & P Marketing, a subsidiary of BT's Dialcom public electronic BT's Dialcom public electronic mail service and has formed a third-party user group to obtain concessionary rates. Instead of paying the standard £100 registration fee to Telecom Gold, BCD Telemail users will pay a minimum charge of £10 a month (more if usage exceeds that value) to P & P Marketing.

The scheme was born out of P & P Print's own experience of finding Telecom Gold's initial fee too high for a small business. The

company also recognized that many people are frightened off the idea of electronic mail by the need to buy a computer.

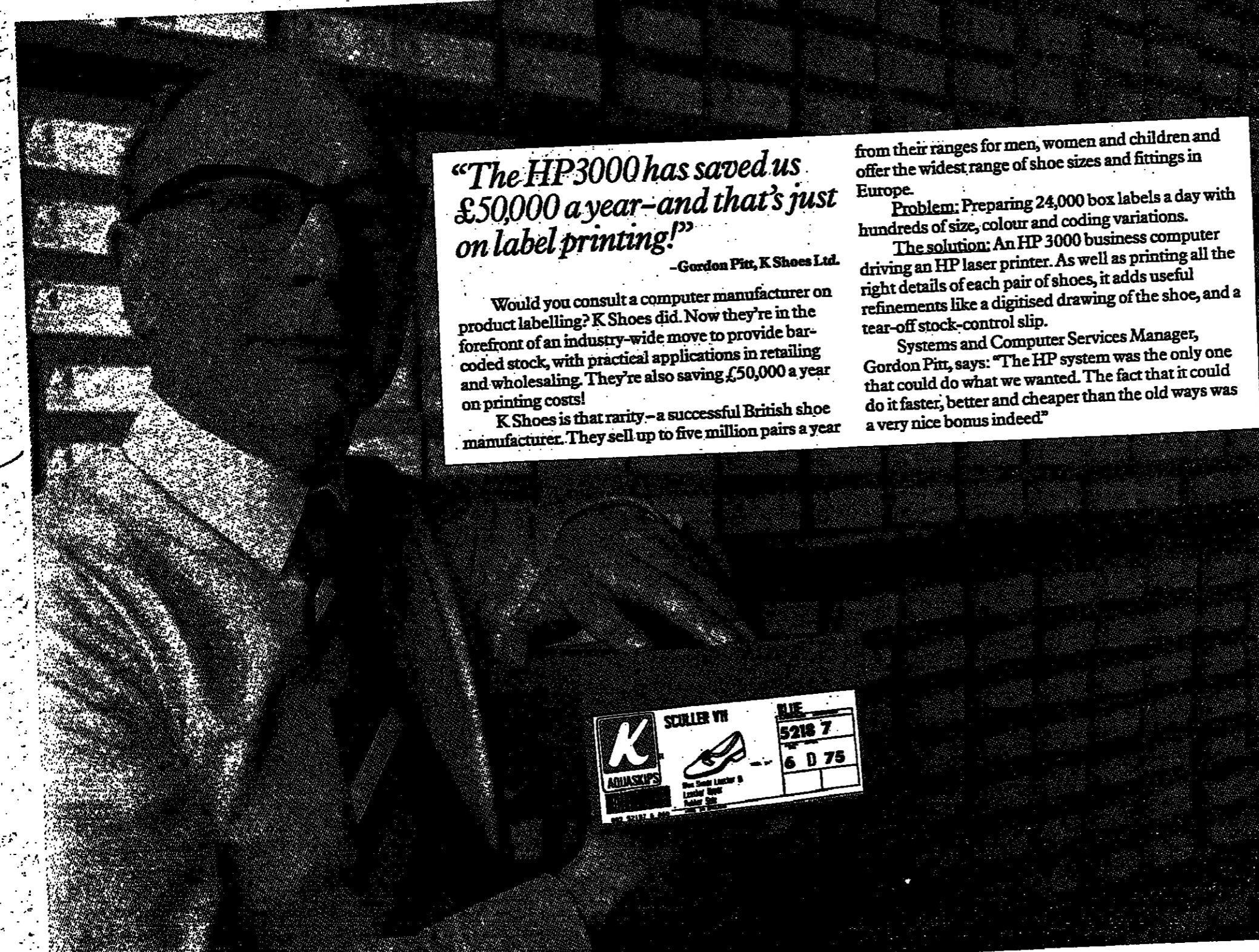
"Small businesses are looking at the computer end, but we are approaching in the other way, from the communications end and building on that," explained John Dyson, executive manager director of P & P Marketing. "We don't feel this is a computer, rather an extension of the telephone for sending messages. What we are really launching is a concept."

Like all electronic mail services, BCD Telemail could suffer from the restriction that message

recipients also have to be subscribers, so a telex facility is built into the terminal. For those who want a computer anyway, there is also a standard RS232 interface point on the back so that the terminal may be connected to a microcomputer, word processor or VDU. This will allow messages to be formatted on, or read from, the screen.

P & P Marketing aims to sell 10,000 of the terminals at £565 in the UK during the first year of operation. According to Peter Alexander, joint manager director, moreover 600 inquiries have already been received from "blue-chip" companies, county councils and colleges.

What if you chose Hewlett-Packard as a business computer partner?



"The HP3000 has saved us £50,000 a year—and that's just on label printing!"

—Gordon Pitt, K Shoes Ltd.

Would you consult a computer manufacturer on product labelling? K Shoes did. Now they're in the forefront of an industry-wide move to provide bar-coded stock, with practical applications in retailing and wholesaling. They're also saving £50,000 a year on printing costs!

K Shoes is that rarity—a successful British shoe manufacturer. They sell up to five million pairs a year

from their ranges for men, women and children and offer the widest range of shoe sizes and fittings in Europe.

Problem: Preparing 24,000 box labels a day with hundreds of size, colour and coding variations.

The solution: An HP 3000 business computer driving an HP laser printer. As well as printing all the right details of each pair of shoes, it adds useful refinements like a digitised drawing of the shoe, and a tear-off stock-control slip.

Systems and Computer Services Manager, Gordon Pitt, says: "The HP system was the only one that could do what we wanted. The fact that it could do it faster, better and cheaper than the old ways was a very nice bonus indeed."

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Using an HP 3000 for labelling shoes is just one example of the way Hewlett-Packard computers produce measurable results in specific business applications.

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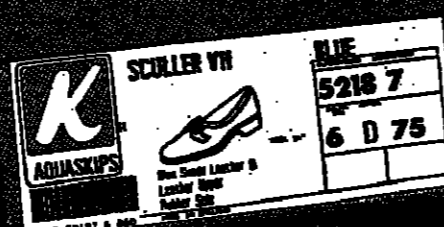
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Size: Among the top 500 UK companies. Turnover: £168 m.
Current growth rate: 42% p.a. UK employees: 2,400.
1982 capital expenditure: £2m.

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CRICKET: ENGLAND FINALLY GET THERE IN MATCH AND SERIES WHILE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ARE STILL A LONG WAY FROM HOME

Hadlee superb as England make heavy weather of win

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE: England beat New Zealand by 163 runs... The time England won the fourth Test match against New Zealand only three hours after the last day was left...

We shall know what the selectors think about it when, later this week, they announce the captain for the winter tour... Although England took a new ball after one over yesterday it brought them only the wicket of Lees...

Scorecard

ENGLAND: First Innings 420... NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 257... Second Innings 187...



Walking on air: Hadlee is man of the series

Cairston's off stump, did Bracewell. The time Taylor took his fourth and last catch of the innings (three of them off the slow bowlers, which is unusual) Hadlee and Bracewell had added 55 for the last wicket...

surprise to us all... a great bonus! Living up to such a start is going to be very difficult... I have an apology to make to David Gower and Warren Lees...

DEBYSHIRE: First Innings 106... SECOND INNINGS: 106... Total (8 wickets, 22.3 overs): 106

Tomlins: blossoming... Undeclared century by Tomlins... However, Marks, with a lively 30 from 30 balls...

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 308... SECOND INNINGS: 308... Total (8 wickets, 22.3 overs): 308

TODAY'S FIXTURES... SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: First round, second leg... FOOTBALL CONVENTION: Birmingham v Crystal Palace...

Essex need major effort from their seven survivors

By Peter Marson

THE OVAL: Essex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Surrey by 54 runs... Richard, who now and again produces memorable drives produced the off-side field, had been one to slow Essex's advance...

Kent full of shots under pressure

By Richard Streeton

BOURNEMOUTH: Kent, with five second-innings wickets in hand, lead Hampshire by 50 runs... Kent launched an astonishing counter attack after they went in again 197 runs behind...

Marshall: aggression... against Underwood took him to his second century this season before he was finally caught at long on... Marshall, who has scored 1,085 first class runs this season...

Somerset in Century by Butcher

By Alan Ross

TAUNTON: Glamorgan, with six second-innings wickets in hand, lead Somerset by 164 runs... Effective bowling by Rodney Ontong, who took five for 87...

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 188... SECOND INNINGS: 188... Total (8 wickets, 22.3 overs): 188

Historic tour in Peking... Paul Letherdale, aged 24, the former junior champion, of Marylebone Pistol Club, won the British Pistol Championship at the National Small Bore Pistol meeting...

RIFLE SHOOTING Experience is no use to Robinson

By a Special Correspondent

RESULTS: Galle Memorial Cup (British Championship): 1. P H F Hamilton, 2. J R G. 3. R O. 4. G. 5. R. 6. G. 7. R. 8. G. 9. R. 10. G.

AMERICA'S CUP

Victory away to slow start

From Barry Pickhail Newport, Rhode Island

Victory '83, Britain's challenger for the America Cup, looked to be heading for her worst defeat at the hands of Australia II in the first of their seven race final elimination trials yesterday...

Romaines' cap... Paul Romaines, the Gloucestershire batsman, has been given his county county cap... He previously has a short spell with Northants...

IN BRIEF

Donaldson is asked to join circus

Mark Donaldson, the former New Zealand halfback, confirmed yesterday in Palmerston North that he had been asked to join the professional Rugby Union circus...

Gene Mayer, of the United States, defeated Heinz Günthardt, of Switzerland 6-7 (11-9), 6-4, 6-0 in the final of the 150,000-dollar Hamlet Challenge Cup tennis tournament in Jericho, New York...

Worcestershire: First Innings 402... SECOND INNINGS: 402... Total (8 wickets, 22.3 overs): 402

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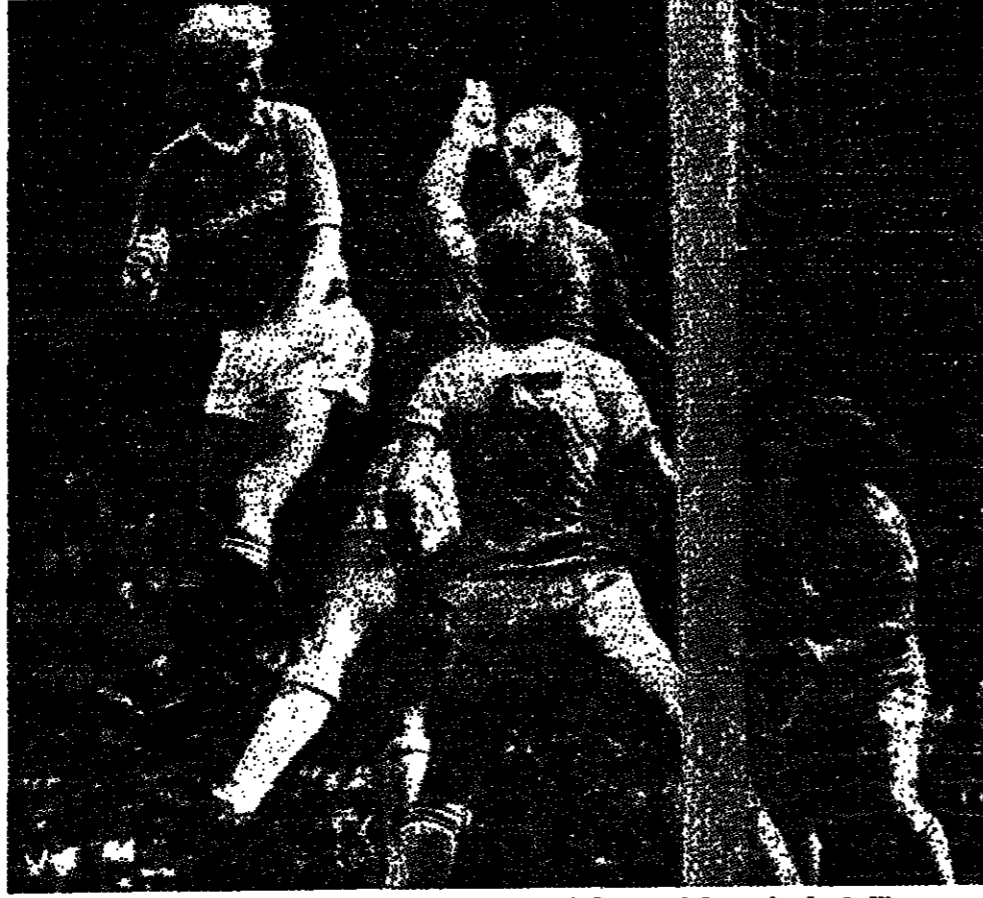
FOOTBALL: UNITED LOSE 16-MONTH UNBEATEN HOME RECORD

Harmony and a duet drowned out by Forest's rousing finale

By Tom German

Manchester United 1 Nottingham Forest 2

It was a remarkable turnaround which topped Manchester United so early in the season: To United, it was all the more unexpected and wounding since they were unbeaten at Old Trafford throughout last season and had denied Nottingham Forest even a goal in their last six meetings.



Van Breukelen, of Forest, palms out McQueen's header: Moran (under ball) scores.

Yet all had seemed so predictable as Manchester were overwhelmingly on top in the opening half, a team apparently in harmony in every department even before a twentieth minute goal beckoned.

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As in Saturday's win over Luton, Arsenal gave a performance of soccer skill in its widest sense, not only moulting with colleagues, but this time providing the essential finish too.

His contribution enlivened a match of many errors and one in which until late on there was a good deal of conservation of energy in the warm conditions.

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Big City brought down to size

By Peter Walker

Cardiff City 2 Manchester City 1

The harsh realities of second division football were swiftly brought home to Manchester City. They began with the flowing grace of a team more used to the manicured lawns of the first division, only to be harassed out of their stride by a totally committed defence newly arrived from the ultra-physical depths of the third division.

Each side's close-season signings made significant contributions. After four minutes Cardiff's two new strikers set up the opening goal.

Crawford nodded the ball skillfully into the net, but it was not to be. The match immediately ended on the edge of the area by Ranson. A trapped free kick by Tong to Bodin and the Cardiff full back's low shot was deflected past a wrong-footed Williams into the net.

Fighting immediately broke out among the Manchester City supporters behind that post but police action kept the incident down to a minor skirmish.

A tremendous 30-yard drive by Canon was finger-tipped over the bar by Dibble as Manchester City hit back at once, but with Davenport's long, uncompromising central defenders short on finesse but formidable in authority, Cardiff thoroughly deserved their interval lead.

An open goal miss by Parlane five minutes after the resumption, which proved to be the last, ended the ball over the bar from under the post, heralded a determined Manchester City comeback, and when their new signing, Pignotti, scored from a free kick on a Bond free kick in the fifty fourth minute the equalizer was firmly earned.

Cardiff, who had gained promotion by showing great tenacity in the closing weeks of last season, showed a streak of familiar defensive rigidity that it was for the first 75 minutes when Williams, challenged in the air by Gibbons, lost the ball and Bodin popped up to drive it home from near the penalty spot.

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Tolomeo's victory, a timely boost

From Graham Rock, Chicago

The victory of Tolomeo in Sunday's Budweiser Million at Arlington Park has given the owner, Charles N. Moore, a significant boost since 1923 when the Derby winner, Papyrus, crossed the Atlantic to challenge the American champion, Zev.

Wearing unsuitable racing shoes, Papyrus was beaten the length of Madison Avenue, but latter generations of thoroughbreds accept jet travel almost as readily as the men who ride them and the globe of horse racing has shrunk sufficiently to permit inter-continental competition.

Many in this ultra-conservative sport will have been encouraged by the news that Tolomeo's success earned his owner \$600,000 (\$403,000) and a reputation for toughness that will not escape the discerning eye of breeders seeking a well-bred stallion of proven ability and resolution.

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McCarron, conceding afterwards that his mount had been beaten by a better horse on the day, "The race is a good one for the whole country, it's exciting the sporting sections of all connections. One man who will have viewed the outcome with special interest is John Sanderson, the managing director of York, racecourse which stages the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup in 12 days before the racing starts.

Owned by an Italian banker, Carlo D'Alessio, trained by his fellow countryman Luca Cumani in England, Tolomeo was a cosmopolitan winner of the Budweiser Million as one could wish. Cumani, saddling his first runner in America, arrived on Wednesday, to supervise the final preparations for the race. The race of duty-free cigarettes divided alternately as heavy rain fell on Thursday, but by the time of the race the ground was barely softer than good, and the going could not be made an excuse for any of the 14 runners.

"I'll take my horse anywhere if I think he's got a shot. He's a helluva horse, and the pot was big," Cumani reassured. He expects to prepare Tolomeo for the Transoceanic, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and may keep the colt in training next year, but before then the organisers of the Japan Cup in Tokyo may have been in touch with his Newmarket stable.

Not to be outdone, Eddy, the hero of Arlington turned to the winner of a lumbare seller at Warwick for John Jenkins on Sand Lady. He then rode Flywheel to win the Finley Handicap for John Jenkins.

Carden is also an invincible force at present. At the two-day Newmarket meeting at the weekend the 21-year-old jockey rode five winners before flying to the States. Yet there he was at Newmarket counting back a triumph to the successful colt after capturing the Leaf Stakes, at 2.15 on the Monday afternoon, to give a mastery exhibition of sailing in the day's most valuable race, the Virginia Stakes.

Adrenaline certainly kept our top jockeys on the move yesterday. Lester Piggott, Steve Carthen and Pat Eddy appeared to be untroubled by jet lag after their lightning trip to Chicago to ride in the Budweiser Million. Michael Seely writes. In the space of 33 hours, Piggott managed to ride in the 6.40 at Windsor on Saturday night, finish unplaced on the My Native to Tolomeo in Arlington on Sunday, and ride in the 1.05 on the 2.0 at Epsom on August 29th.

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RACING: A 'BRITISH' TRIUMPH IN CHICAGO

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The second richest prize of the afternoon was the Clendon Silver Magnan at Epsom. Noble Gift started favourite at 11-10 on to try to give Tim Thomas Jones his third victory in the Clendon Silver Magnan.

Michael Stone's four-year-old proved short of finishing pace when Colin Magnan challenged on Killiney Franchise.

As expected this afternoon the spotlight will be on the sprinters and middle handicappers line up for the £15,000 Vodka Trophy.

Spark Chief is strongly fancied to win this five furlong dash for Frank Dew and his stable may also be given to Haggis, Little Starbur and Howgen. At 11-10 to side with Steel Charger.

Heading for a pot of gold: Eddy and Tolomeo

Cumani, aged 33, took out a license seven years ago and has narrowly missed classic success here, but his enterprising drive deserved accolades from American sportsmen on Sunday. The flamboyance of international racing must have a special meaning for him, as he contemplated the prospect of travelling to Wolverhampton and then to Warwick to saddle his runner, but the memory of a golden day in mid-west America will have sped him on his way.

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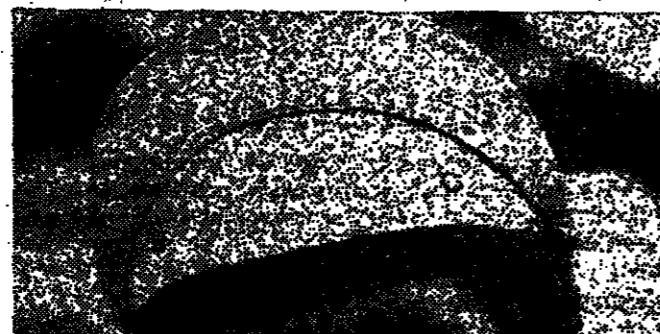
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RACING: LEADING PROFESSIONALS SPEAK OUT ABOUT THE SPATE OF SUSPENSIONS FOR JOCKEYS/RUNNERS AND RIDERS FOR FIVE MEETINGS

Why stewards should be flexible on riding offences

By Michael Seely

The fact that Greville Stacey is now facing a minimum sentence of 12 days suspension for his reckless riding of Ruff House at Goodwood last Friday is a source of worry to those closely involved in the business. As with driving offences a totting up system is operated during the current season. The Goodwood stewards therefore had no option but to send Stacey to court. The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club for sentence in view of his six-day ban for careless riding at Salisbury on May 8.



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The jockeys, as well as the stewards, think that the present sentences are too severe. Dick Hern, Michael Stoute, Gray Harwood and Falke Johnson Houghton have all expressed their concern. Harwood comments: 'They seem to be taking their own petard. It is not easy for the authorities, however. Safety considerations must be paramount. But when safety is not concerned there ought to be more room for flexibility.'

Joe Mercer and Edward Hyde are two of the most respected jockeys in the game. Mercer has nine classic victories to his credit and has ridden more winners than any man except Lester Piggott. Hyde has had five classic successes and is in third position to this pair as regards numbers of winners ridden. The totting up system is wrong, Mercer says. 'Each case should be treated on its individual merits.' Hyde is of the same opinion.

Pat Eddery's enterprising victory on Tolomeo in the Budweiser Million on Sunday hammered home once again the lesson that we possess the best jockeys in the world. Their initiative, tactical sense and courage are a byword. 'We don't want our individuality killing off,' Mercer says.

Hide put the situation in a nutshell. 'This is our eternal dilemma. We are continually faced with the decision of whether to go for the gap and risk a possible suspension or just to sit tamely and make no effort to win.'

The individual nature of the courses in Britain cannot be stressed too highly. Tracks like Goodwood, Epsom and Brighton are full of undulations and turns, with steep hills. By the very nature of the country, they are difficult courses around which to manoeuvre over half a ton of horse flesh galloping at speeds of over 50 mph. In the States and France, on the other hand, the courses are flat and more even, presenting fewer problems.

Hide's statement does not dramatise the problem. And as Mercer points out the matter is becoming more urgent. 'We are moving into the autumn and a period of soft ground. Maiden races will be divided and in many cases there will be over 20 runners.' The question of large fields and the varying nature of our courses is one which must be examined by the Jockey Club when they come to consider a possible answer.

Now let us look at the affair of Starkey and Bluff House. This is a two-year-old which needs covering up and holding for a late run, as he had been in his previous Goodwood victory. Unfortunately on this occasion there was no room for Starkey to deliver his challenge at the crucial stage. So he took a deliberate chance and forced his way through, causing interference to Passing Stone.

Racing's rulers do a good job. There is no doubt that they are as concerned about the situation as are the professionals. As always safety considerations will be uppermost in their minds. But they will be wise to ask themselves these questions: should the totting up system be reviewed and should a more flexible attitude to each individual case be adopted?

This of course means that the fields become spread out at an earlier stage and that the jockeys are therefore less likely to encounter traffic problems. There are also fewer runners per race. In England, horses are taught to run more or less flat out from start to finish. Horses are taught to come out of the stalls running at full gallop. Sunday's spectacular in Chicago was not a typical example of their methods.

Starkey was wrong and deserved to lose the race. But the question must be asked whether a minimum sentence of 12 days' suspension is fair. Starkey had a day both to himself and to Harwood and the owners to do all he could to win.

Newton Abbot

- 2.15 BILKINGTON HURDLE (3-y-o novice: £500; 2m 150y) (4 runners)
1 120 (5) 11-11-12 J. P. Frimstone
2 121 (6) 11-11-12 J. P. Frimstone
3 122 (7) 11-11-12 J. P. Frimstone
4 123 (8) 11-11-12 J. P. Frimstone

- 4.00-5.00-6.00-7.00-8.00-9.00-10.00-11.00-12.00
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Epsom

Total advantage: Low numbers best
Total Double: 3.10, 4.15, Triple: 2.35, 3.40, 4.50
(Totaliser: 0.71) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races

- 2.0 CHESSINGTON STAKES (3-y-o m: £1,710; 1m 20) (8 runners)
104 20044 DOOD AS DANCING (A) 8.5m 9-0 C. Causton 2
105 20042 MAVERICK GOLD (R) 9-0 R. Raymond 3
106 20043 MANDALAY (L) 9-0 J. P. Frimstone 4

- 2.35 RUBBING HOUSE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,925; 7f) (11)
201 00211 ATTEMPT (D) (K) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
202 00210 CUTTING WIND (P) 8-4 P. Piggott 5
203 00209 DOUBLE SHINDY (M) 8-4 P. Piggott 6

- 3.10 VLADIVAR VODKA HANDICAP (W11,374; 8f) (10)
202 21191 ROSAMBE (J) (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
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- 3.40 CHALK LANE HANDICAP (E2,523; 1m 2f) (8)
401 03100 STEELMOOR (K) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
402 03101 STEELMOOR (K) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
403 03102 STEELMOOR (K) 8-4 H. Harwood 4

- 4.15 STEVE DONOGHUE HANDICAP (Apprentices: £2,618; 1m 4f) (9)
501 00120 ANNEFIELD (D) (S) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
502 00121 ANNEFIELD (D) (S) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
503 00122 ANNEFIELD (D) (S) 8-4 H. Harwood 4

- 4.50 LADAS STAKES (2-y-o: £1,842; 6f) (12)
601 00120 ANNEFIELD (D) (S) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
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- 2.0 Good As Diamond, 2.35 Attempt, 3.10 Steel Charger, 3.40 Ridden, 4.15 Paris Arch, 4.50 No Reprach.
2.0 Harvester Gold, 2.35 Cutting Wind, 3.10 Spark Chief, 3.40 Lady Of Ireland, 4.15 Lady Arpegge, 4.50 Bon Homme.

Ripon

Draw advantage: low numbers best
2.50 STEVE NESSITT HANDICAP (E2,054; 1m) (18 runners)

- 2 0100 KNIGHTS HOLT (D) M. McCann 4-7
3 0101 SHOW OF HANDS (D) J. W. Waters 7-9
4 0102 FRODOEN WAYS (A) 4-8 J. S. King 12

- 3.0 BOROUGHBRIDGE STAKES (2-y-o selling: £1,444; 5f) (13)
1 0022 ABLE DAW (P) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
2 0023 CAPTAIN TOMAS (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
3 0024 CAPTAIN TOMAS (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4

- 3.30 WAKEMAN STAYERS HANDICAP (£1,895; 2m) (18)
1 0022 ABLE DAW (P) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
2 0023 CAPTAIN TOMAS (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
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Chepstow

Draw advantage: high numbers best
2.15 FOREST STAKES (Selling: £883; 1m 2f) (9 runners)

- 1 0022 ABLE DAW (P) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
2 0023 CAPTAIN TOMAS (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
3 0024 CAPTAIN TOMAS (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4

- 2.45 RIVER STAKES (DN E 3-y-o: maidens: £1,075; 1m) (7)
1 0022 ABLE DAW (P) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
2 0023 CAPTAIN TOMAS (M) 8-4 H. Harwood 4
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- 3.45 LION'S LODGE HANDICAP (£1,388; 5f) (5)
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Notting Hill dresses up for a Roman Carnival



London's Ebony Steel Band, who chose 'Roman Times' as their carnival theme, go on the march after elaborate preparations

Notting Hill was not a place for the delicate hearing or constitution yesterday as blue skies and warm sunshine attracted huge crowds to the annual west London carnival (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

Organizers estimated the attendance at well over last year's 250,000 and said it was the biggest in the carnival's 18-year history. On Sunday, up to 100,000 are estimated to have turned out, twice last year's figure.

On the ground it was the same throbbing, lurching, occasionally

numbing mixture as in previous years. Outdoor sound systems at almost every corner competed with the steel bands. The fragrance of goat curry and dumplings mingled with fried fish and hot Trinidad roti.

Through it all, down Ladbrooke Grove and ramifying haphazardly into scores of side streets, wound the main procession - about 30 floats proceeding at the pace of a shell-shocked tortoise. Each had its technician chorus of dancers.

The manes of the bands captured the slightly schizoid quality

of the event: Butterfly Magic; Hurricane Force; Hyperglactic Space Station; Bourbon Warrior and Sus.

The police, who were reportedly under instructions to smile at all costs, maintained a low profile despite a rash of pickpocketing on Sunday and 20 arrests compared with eight arrests last year.

Commander John Perrett, head of B District, blamed the increase partly on increased attendances, but said it was small in comparison with the numbers of people. The police strength was substantially lower than previous years.



Journalists attacked by pro-Zia mob

Continued from page 1 BBC's correspondent in South Asia, Mr Mark Tully, Mr Tully, aged 47, who is based in Delhi, and is the longest-serving and most distinguished expatriate correspondent in the sub-continent, is particularly well-known there because of the wide listening audience for the BBC World Service.

He had been present in Naudera in the northern part of Sind province on Sunday when a sub-divisional magistrate lost his temper and started laying out for him with a lathi (cane) striking two or three journalists. Mr Tully was prominent in the denunciation of the magistrate and, presumably in retaliation, a press statement was issued on Sunday evening which accused him of fomenting a riot in the town.

The statement, which was put out through Associated Press of Pakistan, said that he had gone round asking people why they were not joining the demonstrators and when local officials asked him to stop it led to an altercation.

Mr Tully firmly denied that any such thing had happened, and spent much of the day trying to persuade the Government to withdraw the report. But the rumours spread at the scene of the demonstration that he was among us, and a number of us were mistaken for him. Mr Tully was not present.

Elsewhere in Pakistan the civil disobedience campaign continued with a demonstration of students who blocked the national highway outside Hyderabad. They were dispersed with rubber bullets.

Mr Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, aged 24, the son of the jailed leader of the Sind Pakistan People's Party, Mr Ghulam Jatoi, issued a warning that widespread bloodshed could occur if the regime did not act swiftly.

He said at a meeting called in conditions of great secrecy since there is a warrant out for his arrest: "When you destroy the leadership of the movement the people will take their own way. If there is bloodshed the Government will be responsible for it."

"Seventy-five per cent of the MNA and MPA (Members of the National and Provincial Assemblies) have been arrested. When the other 25 per cent are gone the new leadership will be from the masses and we do not know what will be its face. It could be Russian-backed. It could be Communist."

President Zia however plainly felt confident enough that things had calmed down sufficiently for him to leave the country for a six-day visit to Turkey, where a military regime is also struggling with the problems of a controlled return to democracy. His aides have said that the President may also stop in Saudi Arabia on his way back to make a short pilgrimage to Mecca.

Zia interview, page 4

Two US Marines killed

Continued from page 1 Begin's announcement of his intention to resign as Prime Minister of Israel have once again brought the unstable situation in the Middle East into sharp focus in Washington (Nicholas Ashford writes).

Coming on the eve of the first anniversary of President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative, the two events have served as stark reminders of how little progress has been achieved during the past year.

Although Mr Reagan said in a radio broadcast at the weekend that his initiative was still alive, US policymakers are distinctly gloomy about the chances of bringing peace and stability to the region in the foreseeable future.

It had long been expected there would be casualties among the multinational force sooner or later, given the nature of the tension in Lebanon where rival factions have been killing each other for years. However, the deaths of the two Marines has underscored the lack of progress that has been made since the peacekeeping force was first deployed in Lebanon

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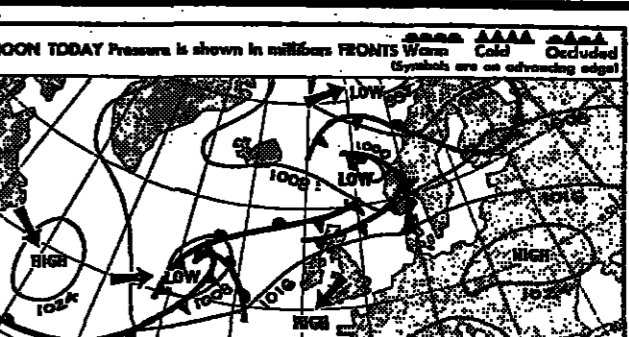
Today's events
Royal engagement
The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attend a gala performance by the New York City Ballet Company at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, 7.25.

General
Holiday activities for children aged 9-13, main building, Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum, Cathay's Park, Cardiff, 10.1-2.4.30.

TV top ten
National top ten television programmes in the week ending August 27:

Roads
London and South-east A406: Delays at Angel Road (North Circular Road), Edmonton, A41 Temporary traffic lights at High Street, Barking, 10.15-11.15.

Weather forecast
A ridge of high pressure will cover England and Wales as troughs of low pressure cross Northern Ireland and Scotland from the Atlantic.



The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,221
Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship 1983
The National Final takes place next Sunday, 1.30 - 5.30 p.m. at the Park Lane Hotel. Admission fee £2 a head.

Exhibitions in progress
Through Children's Eyes, an Arts Council touring exhibition, Ferns Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Heli, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (closes Sept 11).

Information supplied by AA
The East German Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland has come out in strong support of President Andropov's offer to scrap some SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles as part of an East-West arms accord. It said: "Here in the GDR this readiness to take a further step to bring the disarmament question forward is greeted with joy and agreement."

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Lighting-up time
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High tides table with columns for location, AM, MT, PM, WT, and tide measurement.

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1 Could be posh sounding lot of fertilizer (9).
6 Plain place in which evil was so dominant (5).
9 Refuse to make a scathing comment (7).

Touch of history
Blind visitors to the Museum of London can now be provided with a tape guide, giving information about more than 20 objects they can touch. All items are on permanent display in the galleries and blind and partially-sighted visitors should ask at the reception desk for loan of a personal player, together with a brief written guide for a sighted companion if desired. The facility has been made possible by a donation from the Eric Sibly Trust for Children and assistance from the RNIB.

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Highest and lowest
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Newcastle 22C (71F); lowest day temp: Forth 14C (57F); Highest night temp: Newcastle 11.5C (52.7F); lowest night temp: Forth 5.5C (41.9F).

Around Britain and Abroad tables with columns for location, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, and weather.